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ADDRESS : President Ronald Reagan addressing a joint session of the U.S. Congress Wednesday.

Wildly cheered

U.S. future rests on plan, Reagan says

WASHINGTON, April 29 (AP) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan, wildly cheered as he returned to the public stage, told Congress that his tax and spending cuts are "the only answer we have left" for a sick economy. In his first address Tuesday night since he was shot in an assassination attempt on March 30, the president pronounced his own health much improved, but said the economy is as sick as ever.

Reagan was welcomed by a raucous ovation which left him with "no words to express that greeting." He said his recovery was buoyed by the friendship and love of his fellow citizens since he was shot. At the same time, the president, who showed no evidence whatever of his wound, told the House and Senate they risk public wrath unless his economic package is quickly approved. The president was received with a three-minute ovation of applause, cheers and whistles before he interrupted with, "You wouldn't want to talk me into an encore."

The president called anew for swift passage of his economic package, saying inaction "will delay even longer — and more painfully

— the cure which must come."

"The American people now want us to act, and not in half measures," he said in the prepared address. "They demand — and they have earned — a full and land comprehensive effort to clean up our economic mess."

Reagan's appearance once more on the public and political battlefield came on his 100th day in office, and he handled it with a broad smile and steady stride down the aisle of the House.

The president added to his prepared text — which focused primarily upon his spending reductions — a plea for his three-year, 30-per cent tax cut, saying the nation faces a choice between "a great big raise in your taxes in this coming year, or, at the worst, a very little increase with the prospect of tax reduction and a balanced budget down the road a ways."

The Congress seemed to have gotten the president's economic message even before he presented it. Earlier in the day, the Senate budget committee approved on a vote of 15-6 a budget blueprint which seemed made to order for the chief executive.

Haig defends AWACS sale

which President Reagan's lifting of the grain embargo against the Soviet Union this week also came under heavy fire.

The proposed sale of five Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) aircraft to Saudi Arabia along with equipment to increase the range and firepower of the F-15 fighters has aroused a storm of protest in Congress. The package is expected to go to Congress this summer.

Haig said conditions of the deal remained to be "fleshed out" and denied it was being delayed because of controversy. He urged critics to await final details before calling the sale a danger to Israel. The secretary of state testified at a congressional hearing during

testimony.

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U.S.: acts by Israel unilateral Syria, Lebanon determined to end crisis

WASHINGTON, April 29 (Agencies) — The United States "has never given a green light to Israel to undertake any military action in Lebanon," State Department Spokesman Dean Fischer said Wednesday. He was answering reporters' questions concerning remarks Tuesday by Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin, who hinted that the U.S. approved Israeli military operation aimed at restoring the "status quo" in Lebanon.

Fischer added that "it is incumbent on all the countries of the world, including the Soviet Union, to do their best to calm and stabilize the situation in Lebanon."

Meanwhile, in Beirut, Syrian and Lebanese leaders declared their determination to find a solution to the Lebanese conflict despite an unprecedented intervention by Israel Tuesday in support of rightist Christians fighting Syrian forces.

Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam left here Wednesday for Damascus, after a 24-hour visit during which he met with Christian "Lebanese Front" leaders to seek an end to violence in Lebanon. Khaddam is to return to Beirut on Sunday to continue discussions aimed at creating dialogue between Christians and Muslims in Lebanon.

Khaddam said he was satisfied with the talks, adding that a working document on the Lebanon crisis will be examined with Lebanese Foreign Minister Elias Sarkis early next week. Khaddam earlier Wednesday met a national movement delegation led by Progressive Socialist leader Walid Jumblatt.

Before leaving Beirut, Khaddam said that he had "found all Lebanese parties determined to put an end to the Lebanon crisis." He added that he had listened to the various points of view and each side had decided to think about the problem for a few days. He said that practical measures would be compiled into a working document to be discussed with President Sarkis.

Asked about the situation in Zahle, Khaddam said that "armed elements" had "provoked" the Syrian-led Arab Deterrent Force.

Turning to the Palestinians, the Syrian minister said that once peace was restored in Lebanon "the Lebanese state will rectify bilateral relations existing between the Palestinian resistance and certain Lebanese parties."

Jordan urges halt to canal plan by Israel

AMMAN, April 29 (AP) — King Hussein Wednesday called for the assistance of Arab and world powers to prevent Israel from pushing ahead with plans to construct a canal across the Gaza strip linking the Mediterranean with the Dead Sea.

"Israel is uncovering its hostile intentions to threaten the security and peace in the Arab region and this project will endanger and harm Arab and Jordanian economies and development projects," the Jordanian monarch told the opening session of the fourth Arab conference of oil and mineral resources. The conference is being held in the Jordanian capital and includes ministers from all Arab countries except Egypt.

The Israeli government last month approved the 50-mile-long canal which will run by pipeline under the four-mile-wide Gaza strip occupied in the 1967 Mideast war. Egypt has said the passage through Gaza would violate international law.

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Emphasizes urban solution

Nazer visits Jubail

JUBAIL, April 29 (SPA) — Planning Minister Hisham Nazer, the vice-chairman of the Jubail and Yanbu Royal Commission, arrived here on a field inspection visit.

The minister is leading the Urban Projects Coordination Committee which comprised Riyadh Mayor Abdullah Al-Naim and Deputy Interior Minister Dr. Ibrahim Al-Awaji.

Nazer said in a statement Tuesday that the visit aims at witnessing a real, successful and unique experiment in urban development in regard to coordination and costs. He described the experiment as an effective solution to the problems of major cities.

The committee was given a detailed explanation of the system applied in building the city of Jubail and the coordination between the various services in the city. Members of the committee toured Jubail's districts and some of its public works.

The coordination committee was set up to

Police receive data bank terminal JEDDAH, April 29 (SPA) — Makkah Governor Prince Majed opened Wednesday the Data Bank terminal attached to Jeddah's police headquarters. He inspected the advanced equipment at the operations room. Police Commander Brig. Faisal Al-Hareethi said that the center will help both the police and other government departments, especially those concerned with public security, to follow up together whatever events take place.

Prayer Times

Thursday	Makkah	Medina	Riyadh	Dammam	Buraidah	Tabuk
Fajr (Dawn)	4.26	4.23	3.54	3.38	4.03	4.29
Dhuhr (Noon)	12.18	12.19	11.50	11.37	12.01	12.31
Asr (Evening)	3.40	3.46	3.18	3.08	3.32	4.05
Maghreb (Sunset)	6.47	6.51	6.23	6.12	6.36	7.09
Isha (Night)	8.17	8.21	7.53	7.42	8.06	8.39

work out solutions for coordination between service projects in the Kingdom's major cities. It includes deputy ministers of Public Works and Housing, Municipal and Rural Affairs, Communications, Posts, Telegraph and Telephones, Industry and Electricity, and Agriculture and Water.

In other separate construction developments, work on the SR 310 million Al-Khobar-Dammam highway has already begun, according to Eastern Province Roads Department Director Sami Fauda. The 16-kilometer highway will have 12 lanes and includes five flyovers, he added.

Construction of the highway was awarded to two national companies with the aim of early completion, set for 24 months. The road will be according to the latest international highway specifications, Fauda said. The Communications Ministry also awarded an SR 107 million contract for building another 12-lane highway from Dammam port to Dhahran. The seven-kilometer road was awarded to a Saudi Arabian firm and is expected to be completed within 24 months. It will comprise three flyovers, Fauda said.

Meanwhile, Medina Water and Sewage Department carried out water and sewage projects that cost SR 215 million in the present fiscal year, according to the department's director general. Adel Shubra said the department's subscribers by the end of the 1980-81 year reached 220,700 and house connections 14,000.

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FROM THE GULF

MANILA, April 29 (WAM) — A United Arab Emirates special pavilion has been installed as part of the housing and re-construction fair held within the framework of the fourth conference on human settlements now in session here.

The pavilion introduces the UAE experiment in the effects of salt causing buildings' crack and ways to deal with this phenomenon.

UAE Minister of Public Works and Housing Muhammad Khalifa Al Kindi took part in the fair's inaugural ceremony patronized by the Philippines' first lady Imelda Marcos.

The UAE will also take part in Brussels commercial and tourist fair due to be held between May 2 and 12, with the participation of 35 countries. The Arab group attending the fourth international conference on human settlements now in session also decided to introduce a draft resolution condemning the Israelis for failing to implement recommendations adopted by the third conference held in Mexico last

year. The recommendations called upon Israel to better the services and develop the basic infrastructures in Palestine and the occupied Arab territories.

The draft resolution also condemns all countries establishing settlements in others' lands by force. During its meeting held here under the chairmanship of Qatari Minister of Labor and Social Affairs Ali Al Ansari and the attendance of UAE Minister of public works and housing, the group also decided to officially inform the conference about the latest decision adopted by Arab housing ministers, registering Jerusalem in the committee of civilization heritage, an affiliate to UNESCO.

It also decided to ask the conference to issue a resolution prohibiting the Zionist entity from destroying old buildings and ordering the Israeli government to maintain Jerusalem's civilizational features.

Between Kingdom, Qatar

Joint industrial meeting planned

JEDDAH, April 29 — A meeting of the joint Saudi Arabian-Qatari committee for coordinating petrochemical, iron and steel plants will be held here Saturday May 2 according to an official spokesman of the Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation.

SABIC, which represents the Kingdom's government, will be led by Abdul Aziz Al-Zamel, vice-chairman and managing director; Abdullah Nujaifi, director of marketing, Abdul Mohsen Shahban, director of manpower and training, and Ali Alayedi, director

of Jubail rolling mill. A cooperation accord signed earlier this month calls for setting up joint venture projects to develop petrochemical industries. Industry sources said the two countries are determined to avoid duplications in the fields of petrochemical industry and have set up joint committees to conduct coordination and feasibility studies in this connection. Initially, the two sides were to explore areas of expansion and spinoff projects for the existing iron and steel mills in the Kingdom, Jubail region and Qatar's Umm Saeed industrial center.

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Officials round up illegal residents

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, April 29 — Nearly 10,000 illegal immigrants have been rounded up in the Western Region alone during the latest campaign in various towns and villages, according to official sources.

The campaign, the sixth in three years, was launched recently to keep the pressure on those who overstay without the proper papers permitting them to live and work here. Altogether 64,000 persons have been arrested so far and deported. Most of them enter the country on umra or pilgrimage visas and decide to stay longer on search of jobs.

By 1977, the number of "overstayers" had risen so high that it gave cause for alarm as hundreds of thousands of foreign workers roamed the country and worked without permits. The government decided to correct the situation and gave them two months to obtain residence and work permits through

their sponsors. Those who failed to do so were deported immediately. A few thousand disappeared into the country and continued to work.

The government warned them and those who "concealed" them of severe penalties and the campaign was launched to uncover them. Those arrested are detained for a few days and, in cooperation with their embassies, are flown out of the country.

New schools underway

RIYADH, April 29 — The Education Ministry is at present engaged in building 181 schools of different stages in the country according to official sources. It has also put out for tender 200 buildings for educational purposes. It will equip and staff them in time for the coming academic year. In the last two years the ministry completed 165 school buildings, the sources said.

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\$2.4m allocated

Fund dispenses aid

JEDDAH, April 29 (SPA) — The Permanent Council of the Islamic Solidarity Fund resumed meetings Tuesday at the General Secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

The Fund decided to disburse \$2.4 million among Djibouti, Mali, the Mauritanian Red Crescent Society, Afghan refugees in Pakistan, Muslims of the Philippines, refugees in Sudan, Chadian refugees in Cameroun and victims of Israeli aggression in South Lebanon.

The three-day session which opened Monday is chaired by Dr. Ezzeddin Ibrahim of the United Arab Emirates and attended by Bakary Drame, OIC assistant secretary general for cultural affairs and the Islamic Solidarity Fund and the other 13 members of the council.

The council also allocated \$700,000 in its new budget as aid for the reconstruction of Al-Asnam region in Algeria after the earthquake that shook it. Malaysia gave separately 30,000 Malaysian dollars for the victims of the quake, as it contributed 50,000 Malaysian dollars during the last council session for Somalia.

Moreover, the council expressed its satisfaction for the progress in the project of establishing an Islamic university in Niger. It also examined the development of Ahmad Baba center in Timbuktu, Mali, into a regional institute for Islamic studies; and the Guinea Bissau center to be created. It listened to a report on the Muslim youth camp held in Brazil last November.

The council voiced its satisfaction for existing cooperation between the World Assembly of Muslim Youth in Riyadh (WAMY) and the OIC General Secretariat. It also decided to organize similar camps in Hong Kong, Australia, Great Britain, Canada,

Health meetings set

RIYADH, April 29 (SPA) — Health Minister Dr. Hussain Al-Jazari will leave Riyadh Monday for Geneva to attend the 34th session of the World Health Organization (WHO). The meetings, starting Monday, will discuss health issues, including common diseases and their treatment. Arab health ministers will hold a separate meeting May 5, to coordinate their countries' health policies.

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Morocco, and Kenya in cooperation with WAMY. The camps will take place in 1981. It further decided to organize a seminar on Islam and Science in Paris in cooperation with UNESCO. The ISF will also help in the holding of a study seminar on Islamic economy in cooperation with the International Association of Islamic Banks. The meeting resumes Wednesday morning.

Meanwhile, Prince Muhammed Al-Faisal, president of the International Association of Islamic Banks, gave a dinner at his palace here Tuesday in honor of the delegates attending the council meetings.

COMMENT

By Mohammad Omar Al-Amodi
Al Medina

Nearly 20 years ago, the state had decided to embark on a course of industrialization to diversify the revenue resources in view of the experts' opinion that oil would inevitably deplete one day. In order to build an industrial base, the state enacted legislation concerning capital investment, protection of indigenous industries and companies. Later, it created the Industrial Development Fund to help in financing such projects for which only the private capital was not considered enough.

With all these measures, the state has created a suitable climate for the establishment of industries, but still most industrialists complain of obstacles which, they say, hold back capitalists and businessmen from the field of industry. If for sometime we don't take into consideration the cost of imported manpower, we will observe that administrative difficulties impair the process of industrial development in the country. Slow administrative measures, routine formalities and lack of enthusiasm by some circles often retard the industrial progress.

When we hear that the Jeddah-based edible oils factory with an invested capital of more than SR300 million has not been able to get a telephone hookup for the past two years while this facility has already been installed on the streets and in video and vegetable shops, we easily realize a big gap and lack of coordination between the higher policy of the state and the executive machinery, which perhaps believes in the principle of equal benefit.

In order that the state's industrial program gets a real boost, it would be necessary to make the administrative offices capable of implementing the state policy with a clear understanding of its dimensions. In this way, industrialists and businessmen would feel attracted toward the field of industry, otherwise we would remain where we are.



(SPA photo)
FOLKLORE: Riyadh Governor Prince Salman attended the opening Tuesday of the folklore festival at Riyadh University which aims at reviving and preserving the national heritage and strengthening the bonds between the university and society in general.

To have world-wide service

Islamic bank system begins

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, April 29 — A number of Islamic heads of state and prominent personalities in the Islamic world, acting as honorary founders, announced Wednesday the establishment of a \$1 billion investment, insurance and banking institution under the name of Darul Mal Al-Islamic.

Prince Muhammed Al-Faisal, president of the International Association of Islamic Banks announced that the institutions will have branches in all Islamic countries and throughout the world. They will operate according to the Islamic banking and insurance discipline which excludes interest on loans, which is considered as usury.

A Fatwa (legal opinion) from the General Secretariat of the Board of Grand Ulema was secured before the establishment of the institution was proclaimed. The board is attached to the Presidency of the Scientific (Religious) Research, Ifta, Dawa (invitation to Islam), and Guidance Department in Saudi Arabia. The Fatwa was requested by the Islamic Company for Gulf Investment about its own operations.

Procedures are being finalized for the private subscription of \$250,000. The rest of the \$1 billion capital will be floated for public subscription in the Islamic World.

BRIEFS

Boxing contest opens

RIYADH, April 29 (SPA) — The first regional boxing championship in Saudi Arabia opened here Tuesday at Al-Der'eyah sports stadium. Teams from the four provinces in the Kingdom as well as the armed forces, the National Guard and the security forces are competing in the two-day championship.

Saudi-Yemen talks

SANA'A, April 29 (SPA) — The ways and means to foster relations between Saudi Arabia and Yemen at various levels was the subject matter of a meeting here Tuesday between North Yemen Foreign Minister Ali Lutf Al-Thor and Saudi Arabia's Ambassador Sheikh Trad Al-Hareethi.

Training course held

DHAHRAN, April 29 (SPA) — The University of Petroleum and Mineral's faculty of industrial management began a two-week training course this week on intermediate management. The course is provided for officials of government institutions and local companies and banks. It is part of a program to develop the administration of such bodies.

Salman opens festival

RIYADH, April 29 (SPA) — Riyadh Governor Prince Salman Tuesday opened the fifth seminar on the country's popular heritage organized by Riyadh University on its campus off Al-Der'eyah road. The prince was met on arrival by the Rector Dr. Mansour Al-Turki and other university officials.

Chatti returns to Jeddah

JEDDAH, April 29 (SPA) — Habib Chatti, the secretary general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, returned here Tuesday evening from Kuwait after opening, Monday, meetings of the committee of Muslim experts entrusted with preparing the statute of an Islamic Court of Justice.

Ahmad holds dinner

DUBAI, April 29 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia's Deputy Interior Minister Prince Ahmad ibn Abdul Aziz gave a dinner banquet at Dubai Sheraton hotel here Tuesday in honor of the Saudi community. A number of United Arab Emirates officials were invited to the banquet.

From Chase Manhattan

Bank official visits Kingdom

DHAHRAN, April 29 — Francis Stankard, executive vice-president and head of the international department of Chase Manhattan Bank has spent three days in Saudi Arabia meeting business men and assessing progress in the Kingdom, a press statement said Wednesday.

Stankard, who last visited the country five years ago, was accompanied by John Philpot, senior vice-president of Chase Manhattan from New York City; David Boudreau, London-based senior vice-president and area executive for the Middle East, and Tom O'Reilly, vice-president for human resources.

Chase officials spent the first two days of Stankard's visit in the Eastern Province where they met with about 40 local businessmen, after which they spent a day in Riyadh. Stankard then flew on to Kuwait and Cairo before his return to New York City.

Chase Manhattan's participation in Saudi Arabian development includes a 20 per cent holding of Saudi Investment Banking Corporation (SIBC) shares. Chase Manhattan seconded bank officials to the Saudi Industrial Development Fund (SIDF), begun in 1974, and still assists with the recruitment and training of SIDF employees.

HOTEL AL KHOZAMA
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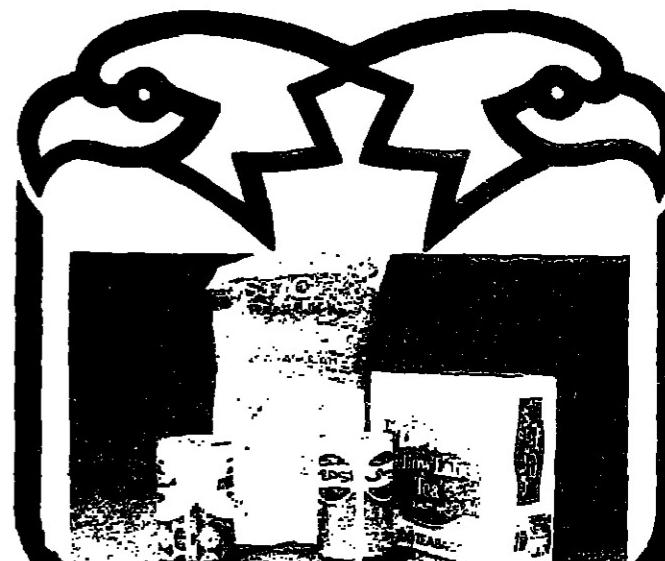
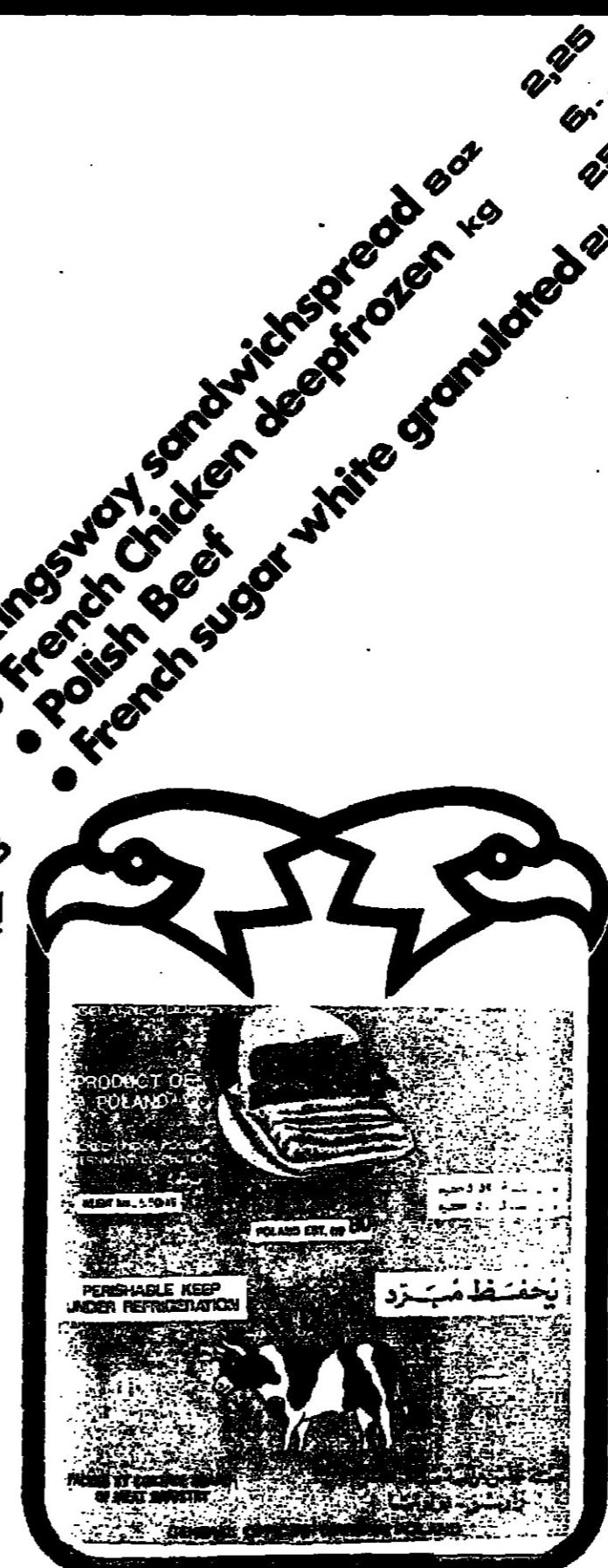


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Khalifa meets Indira

Bahrain, India share views on Gulf safety

NEW DELHI, April 29 (AP) — The ruler of Bahrain, Sheikh Isa Bin Salman Al-Khalifa, has told Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi that the security of the Arabian Gulf region is the responsibility of the states of that region, an Indian spokesman said.

Al-Khalifa, who arrived here Monday on a four-day visit to India, also reportedly told Mrs. Gandhi Tuesday at an hour-long meeting that he shared her concern about the Afghan crisis, the Iran-Iraq war and "the increasing big power presence in the Indian Ocean." Bahrain, however, is a close American ally and provides port facilities for U.S. naval ships. The United States has warships in the Indian Ocean as does the Soviet Union.

The ruler's remarks followed the recent visit of U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig to the Middle East to reassure American allies in the region of its continuing inter-

Assembly called

Barre dismisses ten aides

MOGADISHU, April 29 (AFP) — President Muhammad Siad Barre of Somalia has dismissed his defense minister, security chief and parliament speaker Tuesday night and called a meeting of the assembly for Wednesday.

The Somali leader issued a sweeping decree here Tuesday night removing 10 members of the Supreme Revolutionary Council — the ruling military body revived last October when a national state of emergency was declared — from their cabinet, party and parliament posts.

Among these were the defense minister, Lt. Gen. Muhammad Ali Samatar, the national security chief, Brig. Ahmad Suleiman Abdullah and the speaker of the People's Assembly, Brig. Gen. Ismail Ali Abokor. The

decree said Gen. Samatar's and Brig. Abdallah's deputies would replace them for the time being. Gen. Abokor's aides, both council members, were dismissed.

The Revolutionary Council is made up of officers who led the 1969 revolution that brought Barre to power. It was put into mothballs in 1976 when the Somali Revolutionary Socialist Party was formed, but reinstated last year.

Tuesday night's presidential decree said the council members would be given "new special missions" to be defined later. There was no clear sign what had prompted the action by Gen. Barre, who is facing opposition in the Horn of Africa over Somalia's claims on Ethiopia's Ogaden and within his own country from the Somali Salvation Front.

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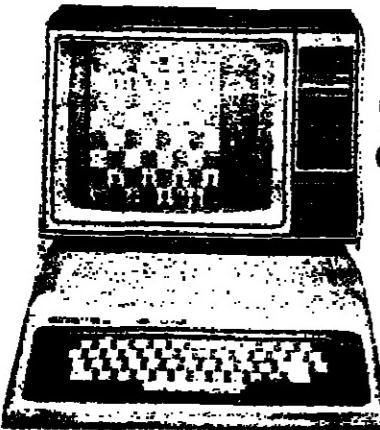
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PLO blames Israel for murder of U.N. soldier

LONDON, April 29 (AP) — The Palestine Liberation Organization, in a statement issued here Tuesday, blamed Israel for the killing of an Irish soldier in the United Nations peacekeeping force in Lebanon.

Nabil Ramlawi, the PLO's representative in London, denied "any suggestions that Palestinian forces are responsible for this murderous act." The soldier, 20-year-old Hugh Doherty of Donegal of Ireland, was found shot dead Monday and a colleague reported missing.

Ramlawi said the PLO understood that Doherty was killed by a Soviet-made bullet and concluded: "It is no secret that the Israeli and Israel-supported militias in southern Lebanon possess Soviet-manufactured weapons captured in battles with the Arab forces."

"We consider the murder of the Irish soldier to be part of a deliberate Israeli plan to create distrust and division between the Palestinians and the Irish people."

In the past, the Irish U.N. battalion has had a number of clashes with the Israeli-backed Christian militia forces of Maj. Saad Haddad.

BRIEFS

MONTREAL, (AP) — Three naturalized Canadian citizens have been ordered to appear in court Friday to have a date set for their preliminary hearing on charges of illegally shipping electronic equipment to Pakistan.

ANKARA, (AP) — Turks will need visas to visit Denmark, Norway and Iceland beginning May 1, Turkish government sources reported Wednesday.

KUWAIT, (AP) — Iraq has spent more than \$2,000 million in a series of recent arms purchases, the Kuwaiti newspaper *Al Shaa* reported Wednesday quoting Western diplomatic sources.

ATHENS, (R) — The Greek and Turkish foreign ministers, Constantine Mitsotakis and Ilter Turkmen, will meet in Rome Sunday to discuss all pending issues between the two countries, the foreign ministry announced Wednesday.

LONDON, (R) — The Egyptian minister of state for foreign affairs Boutros Ghali has discussed the Middle East in several hours of talks with British Ministers, a foreign office spokesman said. He met Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington Tuesday and Foreign Office Minister of State Douglas Hurd.

Arrives in Belgrade

Qaddafi to hold talks with Yugoslav leaders

BELGRADE, April 29 (Agencies) — Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi arrived in Belgrade Wednesday from Moscow for two days of talks on international issues and cooperation with Yugoslav President Cvijetin Mijatovic and other leaders.

Qaddafi had last visited Yugoslavia in 1977. Diplomatic sources said the Libyan leader was expected to seek the support of Yugoslavia, a key nonaligned state, for his African and Middle East policies.

Earlier Wednesday the Libyan leader was seen off at Moscow by President Leonid Brezhnev, who had personally welcomed him at the airport Monday, underlining the importance he attached to the visit.

One aim of Qaddafi's mission was to seek increased Soviet military and political support for the hardline Steadfastness Front against Israel of Libya, Algeria, Syria, South Yemen and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Official Soviet accounts said the talks included discussions of new "concrete" spheres of joint activity of Libya and the Soviet Union. But Libyan officials said Qaddafi signed no written agreements with the Soviet Union.

Libyan officials said that Tuesday, Libyan Armed Forces Chief of Staff Abu Bakr Yunis Jaber, who accompanied Qaddafi, met with

In anti-Libya revolt

Chad religious scholars said killed

KHARTOUM, April 29 (AP) — A prominent Chadian religious leader, and an unspecified number of Muslim scholars have been killed following popular demonstrations against the Soviet-backed Libyan troops in Chad, the Sudan News Agency said Tuesday.

The report quoting refugees coming into Sudan from Chadian town of Abeche 100 miles off this country's western borders, identified the religious leader as Sheikh Adam Baraka. It did not say how many ulamas were killed or how. Chadian sources in Cairo said Sheikh Baraka, a mufti, had been appointed local leader of the town of Abeche when the Libyans intervened in the civil strife on behalf of President Goukouni Oueddei in December.

Baraka's son is one of Goukouni's senior aides, and the sources familiar with developments in Chad said the sheikh's death indicated he was changing sides in the political struggle in Chad probably because of mounting popular resentment at the Libyan presence.

Travelers arriving from Chad said in Yaounde, Cameroon that in the recent fight-

Soviet Defense Minister Dmitri F. Ustinov.

The Soviet Union has reaffirmed its support for Libya's involvement in Chad, but stopped short of giving backing on the issue of a merger between the two African states, western diplomats said.

At the two rounds of talks Qaddafi had with Brezhnev, the situation in the Middle East dominated the agenda, according to sources here. The two leaders were on common ground in condemning American and Israeli positions, and, as Brezhnev indicated, they were both agreed that it was high time "to hit back at the aggressive and expansionist policies of the imperialists in this region."

Beyond this, however, little transpired of what measures Moscow might be planning to counter the U.S. presence in the Middle East.

The Libyan leader has made it plain that Libya is not disposed to give the Soviet Union base facilities on its soil, and he has even indicated a certain willingness to open a dialogue with the Americans. These factors may have contributed to the lack of spectacular results from the trip, observers suggested.

Observers would not speculate on what the two leaders had to say about Afghanistan. On the day of his arrival, Qaddafi indicated he believed "it necessary that Afghanistan's independence and neutrality be guaranteed and that all forms of outside interference should be halted."

Meanwhile, Iran's clergy-led government has said it is ready to discuss criticism from opposition groups following bloody street clashes Monday between security forces and pro-judicial demonstrators.

Iran no longer trusts U.K., diplomat told

TEHRAN, April 29 (R) — A government minister has said the Iranian people had better memories of Britain and no longer trusted it.

The state radio reported that Deputy Prime Minister for Political Affairs Mohammad Hashemi also reproached Britain for staying silent about continued Iraqi artillery and missile attacks on Iran's southern cities, devastated in the Gulf war. Hashemi was speaking to Stephen Barrett, Britain's senior diplomat in Iran, who discussed London's hopes for an eventual resumption of negotiations.

Since last September, British diplomats have worked from the Swedish embassy in Tehran. The radio quoted Hashemi as saying that Britain, under the pretext of defending human rights supported the United States during the crisis over the holding of 52 American hostages.

"But on (Iraqi) attacks on houses, schools and hospitals...your government is silent, saying it is impartial. 'On the basis of the Iranian nation's bitter memories your country and England's stance after the victory of the (1979) revolution, there is no trust here for your country,'" the radio quoted him as saying.

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Three Afghans among thirteen executed in Iran

TEHRAN, April 29 (Agencies) — Thirteen persons were executed in Iranian prisons during Tuesday and Wednesday for drug trafficking and prostitution. Three of them were Afghans and four were women.

A Tehran radio broadcast said the public prosecutor's office issued the execution orders after a ruling by the Isfahan anti-drugs campaign office and Islamic revolutionary court.

All had previous convictions and were sentenced after trial before Islamic courts, it said. Tuesday's executions took place in Tehran's Qasr prison and in another jail close to the capital, after the public prosecutor's anti-narcotics office banned executions in streets and parks, official reports said.

Two weeks ago, seven persons died before firing squads in Tehran for drug-dealing. Six were executed in the streets of the capital. Since Iran's 1979 revolution, several hundred people have been executed on charges of drug-dealing and prostitution.

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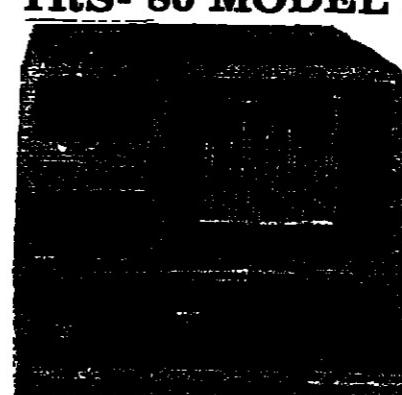
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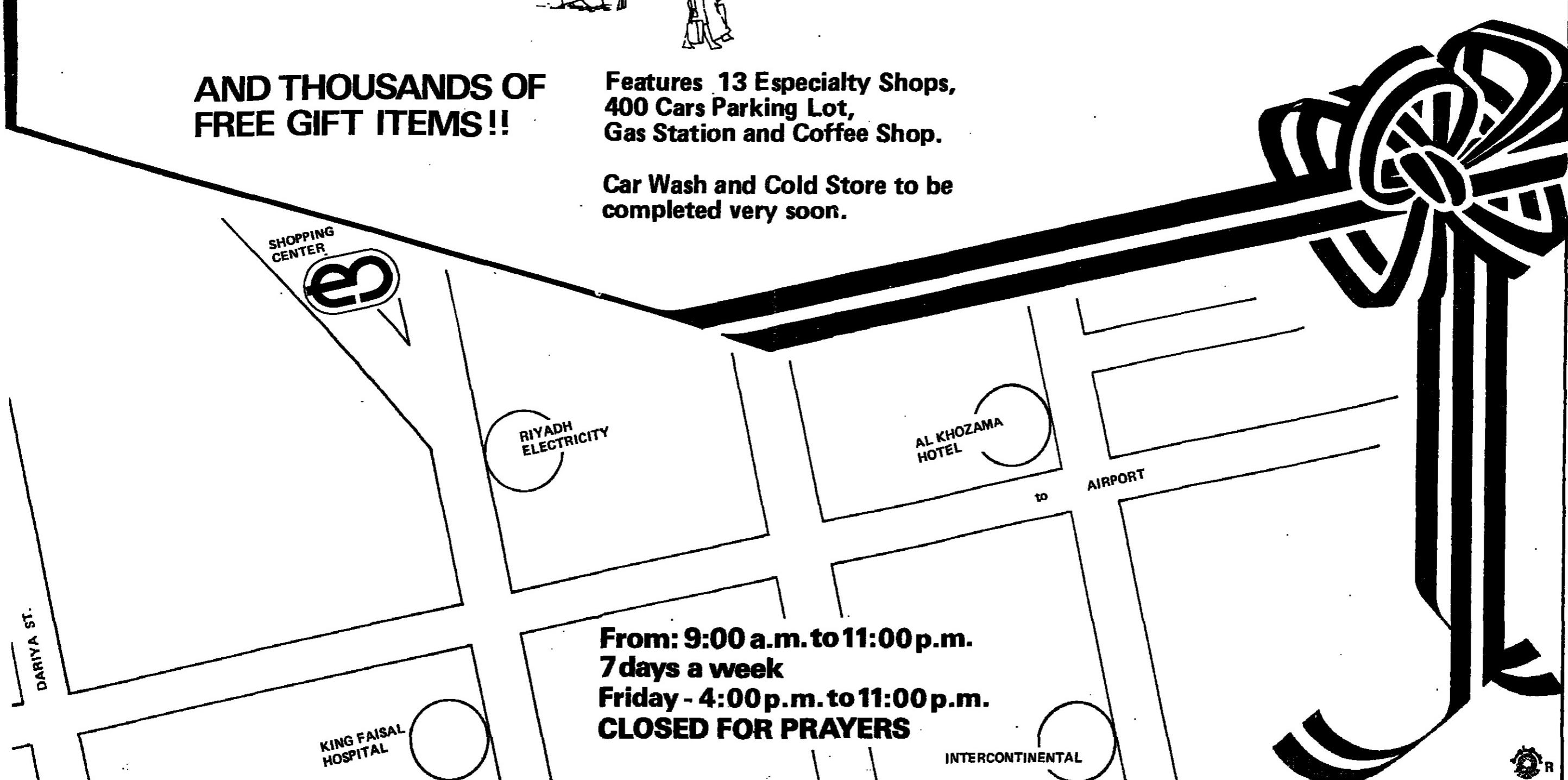
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Two important Arab visitors went to Moscow recently: First, Kuwait's deputy premier and minister of foreign affairs and then Libya's leader, Col. Qaddafi.

Kuwait was reported to have used the visit to emphasize its rejection of the presence of foreign troops and bases in the area. The Kuwaiti visitor raised with his hosts the question of the Soviet military presence in South Yemen, indicating how unhelpful it is for the Gulf countries which have declared their opposition to the Western plans for the security of the Gulf. The removal of such presence, the Kuwaiti view goes, would go a long way toward nullifying the case some Western quarters are trying to make for a counter-presence.

The Libyan visitor was reported also as rejecting any military Soviet presence on his country's soil, despite his interest in maintaining his military supplies from Russia — which are known to be accumulating in Libya at a vast rate. The Libyans and the Soviets are known to be cooperating on many issues — among them, reportedly, that of Chad. But Qaddafi appears for all that to be interested in maintaining his distance from Moscow. Western observers have in fact gone so far as to say that Moscow cannot but regard the outcome of Qaddafi's visit as a setback.

The two visits — others are to follow — have shown how far the Soviet Union still is from playing an effective role in the Middle East. Its thinking on the major issues is still found unpersuasive. Its motives still suspect. A superpower, after all, is a superpower, for which principles are always subordinated to immediate interests, as the lesson of Afghanistan showed most recently and most clearly.

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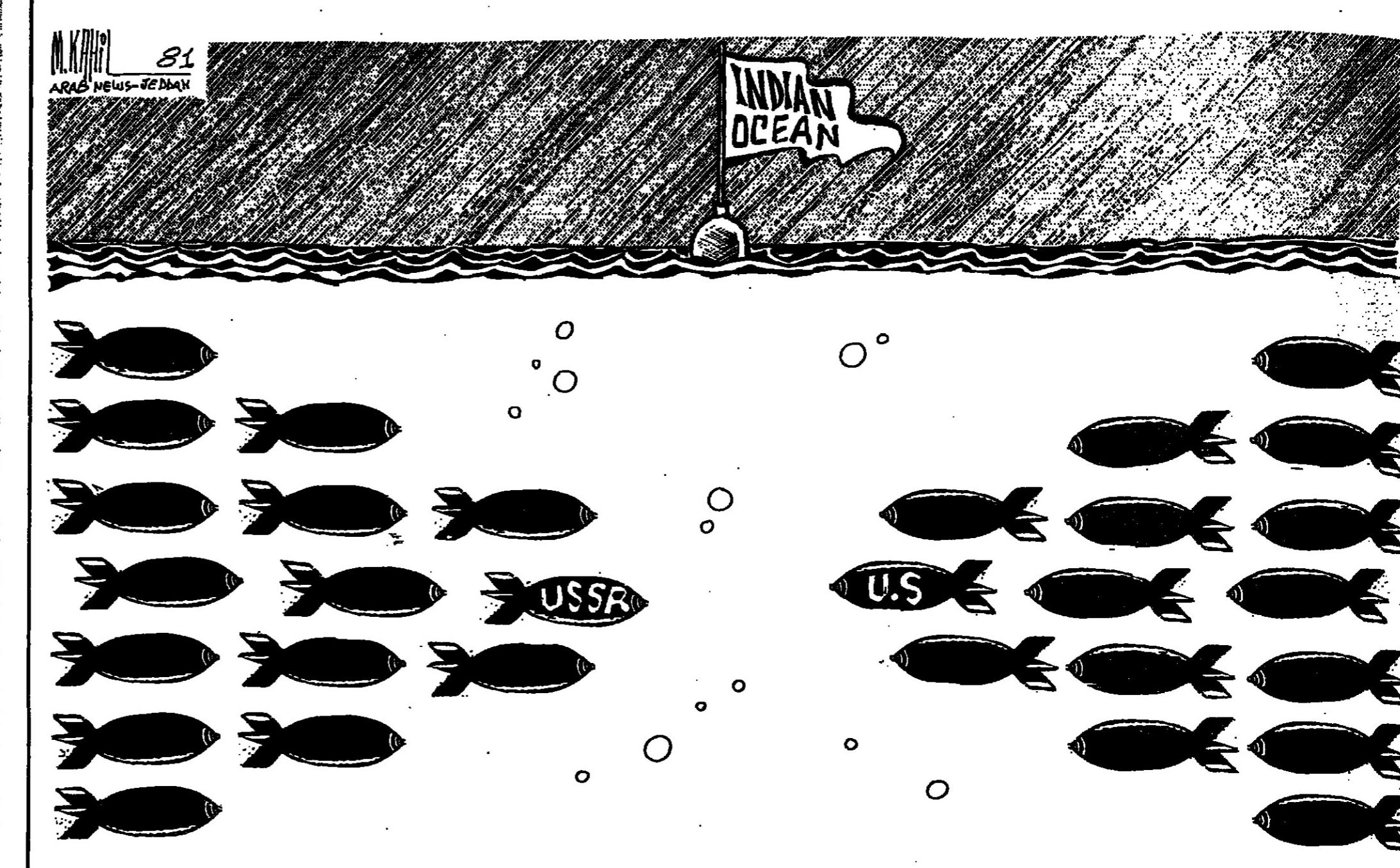
Newspapers Wednesday gave lead story coverage to the second round of official talks between Crown Prince Fahd and visiting West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt. They highlighted the Crown Prince's statement that Saudi Arabia's relations with Germany are "very good, and the German chancellor's visit would reinforce them further."

In a front-page story, *Al Riyadah* reported, quoting Minister of Finance and National Economy Sheikh Muhammad Abu Al-Khalil, that a study was being carried out to reassess and classify state jobs with a view to raising salaries and pensions.

Almost all newspapers gave page one highlight to further heightening tension in Lebanon because of Israeli air raids on the town of Zahlé. *Ozay* said in a front-page story that the Soviet Union and the U.S. are making a move to contain further deterioration in the Lebanese situation. Newspapers also highlighted Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam's talks in Beirut with Lebanese President Elias Sarkis on the serious situation in the country.

Al Riyadah said in a front-page story that Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky would raise the question of a tank sale during his forthcoming visit to Saudi Arabia. Meanwhile, Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev's support for Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi's policy figured prominently on the front page of *Al Yom* newspaper.

A majority of newspaper editorials still concentrated on the importance of Chancellor Schmidt's visit to the Kingdom. *Al Riyadah* noted in an editorial



Reagan's performance gets favorable response

By Ralph Harris

WASHINGTON — President Reagan's first 100 days in the White House are viewed by many politicians and commentators as a success, and even his congressional opponents say they are impressed by his leadership and personal style. A few storm signals are flying over his economic and foreign policies, but the consensus is that he has made a highly favorable impact and is likely to achieve many of his goals.

The 70-year-old president, elected by a landslide on a conservative program he has been preaching for years, appears to have strong support for the ambitious agenda he has set for his four-year term. He came into office on Jan. 20, the same day the U.S. hostages were freed from Iran, and the jubilation over the end of the ordeal gave an unprecedented boost to the start of his presidency.

Americans responded with a wave of sympathy when he was wounded in an assassination attempt on March 30, and their good will could further strengthen his hand as he tries to bring about the most radical change in government in almost 50 years.

Sympathy was coupled with admiration for the way Reagan reacted after he was shot in the chest outside a Washington hotel. Arriving at a nearby hospital minutes later, he told his wife, Nancy: "Honey, I forgot to duck." Over the next few days he kept up a steady stream of jokes with doctors, nurses and aides as he made what was widely viewed as a remarkably swift recovery for a man of his age.

The task Reagan has set for himself has not been equalled since President Franklin D. Roosevelt launched his radical new deal to counter the great depression in 1933. The major difference is that President Roosevelt met the emergency then by greatly expanding government authority, while Reagan is trying to shrink Washington's role and turn back much of its power to state and local governments.

Reagan has described the federal government as a monster whose unrestrained spending is the chief cause of high inflation and damage to the free enterprise system.

Opposition Democrats in Congress, severely weakened by the decisive victory of the Republican president last November and capture of the Senate by his party for the first time in 25 years, have generally supported his call for sweeping cuts in government spending. But they are mounting a stiff challenge to his proposal for a 10 per cent income tax cut in each of the next three years.

The president's ability to kill their proposals for a

smaller tax cut over a shorter period will depend in large measure on how successfully he can pick up the reins after being on the sidelines for several weeks after he was shot. Whatever the outcome of his struggle to keep his program intact, Reagan has scored major successes since his inauguration as the 40th U.S. president.

Much of his authority and appeal appears to stem from his good humor, an easy, friendly charm that was his trademark as a film actor and his skill as a mass communicator.

Unlike former President Carter, who submerged himself in the complex details of every policy decision, Reagan conducts the presidency as though he were the chairman of the board.

Aides say he delegates substantial power to his top advisers but makes the important decisions after choices are presented to him. "Give me an executive who works 12 hours a day and I'll show you a bad executive," he once said.

Reagan was said to feel that the key to leadership would be his success in setting the tone of his administration and persuading the American people he was right. The major shadow over the Reagan administration has been an apparent disarray in foreign policy and public squabbling in his

cabinet.

Secretary of State Alexander Haig has been at odds with Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger over some aspects of policy toward the Soviet Union. The administration is taking a hard line toward the Soviet Union after scrapping the SALT II strategic arms limitation treaty signed in 1979, giving priority to a campaign against terrorism in place of human rights, and accusing Moscow of fomenting revolution and chaos.

Haig and Weinberger, however, differ on the future approach.

Haig has predicted moves soon to resume a dialogue with the Soviet Union over controls of medium-range nuclear missiles deployed in Europe by NATO and the Communist Warsaw Pact. But Weinberger has linked the future of arms talks more closely than has Haig to Soviet behavior toward Poland.

And the defense secretary said during a recent overseas trip: "If the movement from cold war to detente is progress, then let me say we cannot afford much progress."

A signal that the United States might want to explore ways to improve relations with Moscow came when Reagan lifted the U.S. grain embargo

Japan set for closer ties with PLO

By Yuko Nakamiko

TOKYO — Japan is heading toward a closer relationship with the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), in its efforts to gain a role in the Middle East peace process. The Japanese moves, focused on a probable visit to Tokyo later this year by PLO leader Yasser Arafat, are seen here in the context of the government's decision to play a greater part in world affairs and its need to secure stable oil supplies.

Arafat, who has already had numerous contacts with Western European officials, recently accepted an invitation to visit Japan from an all-party parliamentary group, the Japan-Palestine Friendship League. The league's leader, former foreign minister Toshio Kimura, told Reuters in an interview the visit was likely to take place in the autumn.

It would follow next month's talks in Washington between Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki and President Reagan. Israel's general elections in June and the Ottawa economic summit of the world's major industrial nations in July.

Japan regards the PLO as representing Palestinians and their demands for self-determination,

including the right to establish an independent state. This goes a step further than the European Economic Community (EEC), which recognized in a declaration at Venice last year the Palestinians' right to self-determination, but not specifically their right to establish an independent state.

Both Japan and the EEC believe the PLO should be party to future talks on settling the Arab-Israeli conflict. This runs counter to the current U.S. view, as expressed by President Reagan during his election campaign, that the PLO is a "terrorist" organization.

Japan nevertheless views the U.S.-sponsored Camp David accords that brought peace between Israel and Egypt as a tentative first step toward an overall settlement.

The parliamentary league's initial overtures to Arafat to visit Tokyo ran into problems last year when the PLO leader said he would not make the trip unless it was on an official basis, which would impede government recognition of his movement.

The government rejected the request on the grounds it did not officially recognize the stateless PLO, although the organization maintains a representative office in Tokyo, foreign ministry officials said. Since then, Prime Minister Suzuki and

Foreign Minister Masayoshi Ito have agreed to meet Arafat and the head of the PLO's Politics Department, Farouk Kaddoumi, during the proposed visit.

The officials said this formula made Arafat pending visit official in all but name. They added that Washington had been informed of developments on the visit, but so far the Reagan administration had not responded.

Kimura said he wrote to Arafat in March confirming an agreement they made about the visit last December. The letter also said Suzuki, recognizing the visit's significance, was ready to discuss Middle East problems and Palestinian issues, he added.

Foreign ministry officials said Suzuki would urge Arafat to accept U.N. Resolution 242 calling for Israel's withdrawal from territory occupied since 1967, amend the PLO charter calling for the dismantling of Israel, and refrain from radical action.

The PLO, saying it is the sole legitimate representative of Palestinians, has rejected the U.N. resolution on the grounds it refers to Palestinians, only in terms of a refugee problem.

Japan, the non-Communist world's second biggest economic power, had little interest in the Middle East until the 1973 oil crisis. Since then the region, which supplies more than 70 per cent of Japan's oil, has been an increasingly important factor in Japanese policy. — (R)

Letter to the editor

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Then, I would like to refer to an article "U.S. Arms to Pakistan Worry India" published in your issue of April 16. The Indian worries about arms supplies to Pakistan are totally baseless.

Firstly, Pakistan has not started receiving any arms from the United States. Washington has only made an offer which the two sides are still to discuss. It depends on the results of these talks whether the U.S. will supply arms to Pakistan or not. Therefore, the Indians are crying wolf when the wolf is not even in sight.

Secondly, Pakistan has the most obsolete military arms and equipment in the region. The flow of arms to it was cut off by its Western suppliers in 1965 when it was attacked by India. Since then it has received no arms from these sources.

And even if now starts getting some arms from the West that should not worry India at all.

Yours sincerely,
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New women hospital coming up in town

By Raana Siddiqi

JEDDAH — A businessman thinks of and plans for financial gains. Yet, Sheikh Ali Bugshan of Abdulla Saeed Bugshan and brothers, a mainstay in the Saudi Business world, has embarked on a project which, according to feasibility reports, was not a good investment. A hospital project, tying up more than SR 85 million of company funds, is nearing completion on a piece of land which would have been perfect for a hotel, residential quarters, or other such highly profitable schemes. Not worth much from a coldly financial point of view, the hospital is nevertheless, Sheikh Ali's pet project.

Talking to *Arab News*, Sheikh Ali Bugshan explained, "It is true that our hospital is not a profitable project, but then it was not planned for financial gain but to help the people in my country on a benevolent basis." He added, "My father started the Bugshan com-

pany more than 60 years ago. Beginning with the import of home appliances, we have expanded into machinery and industry. We have been very lucky, thanks to Allah."

There was no arrogance or display of power as this soft spoken business magnate talked simply of his busy schedule, family, interests and, of course, the new hospital. According to Sheikh Ali, the idea of opening a hospital first came to him five years ago. He felt that the private sector should assist by building hospitals both to help the increasing Jeddah population and to take some load off the government hospitals. He discussed these thoughts with other members of the family, "This is the traditional way we work and make decisions," he added. Everyone endorsed wholeheartedly the Bugshan Hospital project, and thus the machinery went into motion to give the idea shape.

The Bugshan Hospital is exclusively for women and children and, according to plans,

will have 120 beds. One floor will have ladies wards, one floor the children's section, and another wing is reserved for intensive care and surgery. "The hospital will provide facilities for treatment of all ailments from a simple toothache to major surgery cases for women and children, apart from fulfilling maternity and pediatric needs," stated Ali Bugshan.

The staff is now being recruited. Twenty five specialists have already been hired, mostly British, and all of them were trained in the U.K. The nurses are also selected by high recommendations from reputed institutions and represent different nationalities, including ten British supervisors.

Government subsidies have been generous, as half the cost of each hospital bed-estimated to be SR220,000—has been subsidized. However, the initial SR85 million project cost and the running expenses of the hospital will be met by the Bugshan Group.

The hospital charges according to four scales including those who can pay full, those who can partially pay the medical expenses, and others who are treated free of charge. Although not fully complete, the hospital is already operational and a number of people have already been treated free, according to Ali Bugshan.

Sheikh Ali Bugshan, the philanthropist businessman, was groomed for commerce by his father and uncles since childhood and given the responsibilities of a fast growing business from a relatively young age. He says, "I have never thought of doing anything else and I'm quite satisfied with my career."

Sheikh Ali is the father of nine children, eldest of whom is a daughter who is a graduate in the field of commerce and economics. The son next to her is an industrial engineer. When asked whether his daughter helps in business, he replied, "She is helpful as a consultant and like other members of the family, her opinions are weighed and valued. But we are a traditional family and, because of tradition, she cannot sit and work in an office."

"He finds it unbearable to stay away from home for any length of time and said, "I miss home too much when I travel and cannot stay away for more than a fortnight at a stretch. If I can ever afford a long leave, I will just spend it in Saudi Arabia." When asked what he enjoys doing most in his leisure time, Sheikh Ali smiled and said "If and when I can afford to have free time, it is spent in reading. I can go on reading for hours, especially history books."

Lately, some of his free time has been given to visiting the newly built hospital. He does not like to interfere and trusts the experts who are running it, but, "It is a pleasure to watch the hospital grow as a source of satisfaction to me. This is one way of thanking Allah for providing us with the means to help others less fortunate who are providing us with means to help others less fortunate who are in need," said the head of a powerful business conglomerate humbly.

The plight of Polish refugees

By Stephen H. Miller

VIENNA (AP) — Hundreds of Polish refugees, arriving in search of Western prosperity, have found themselves struggling with frightening money and survival problems. "Vienna is terrifying," says a 33-year-old photographer from Warsaw, who was waiting with his wife to argue their case for an Australian immigration visa.

"They treat us worse than Yugoslavs," a somber girl nearby said of Austrians, whose regard for Yugoslav foreign workers is not always high. Refugees from Europe's sickened economy, young Poles tell of arriving at Vienna's unglamorous south train station and finding they cannot afford food or shelter.

They describe trying to survive on menial jobs in one of Europe's most expensive cities, many of them working illegally because they do not have labor permits.

The girl, who said she was a pre-medical student from Warsaw, shares a room with four other women and lives by distributing advertising leaflets at 14 groschen (one-tenth U.S. cent) a leaflet.

She said she earns less than \$20 a day in a city where a bus ride costs nearly a dollar. "There are too many Poles in Vienna," the photographer said. Polish refugees have been arriving in Vienna this year in four to five times their usual numbers, the growing flow apparently prompted by political and economic problems in Poland.

The Situation

Metrication poses problems for doctors

By a Medical Correspondent

Metrication could cause problems for doctors — especially when they are taking your temperature. At the moment, we use the Fahrenheit scale and body temperature averages 98.6 deg. In Centigrade this will be about 37 deg. It is important to remember that everybody's temperature varies according to their health, the time of day and how long it is since they ate or took exercise.

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STRANGE LUMPS: One of my patients had strange lumps on the back of his hand and his forearm. They looked like boils but I suspected something more when he said his hobby was tropical fish. He said he had scratched himself while cleaning the tank. The scratch had become inflamed, then cleared up. But over the next five weeks the lumpy modules had developed.

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biotics soon cured it and I advised him to wear rubber gloves when handling or cleaning the tank. The germ can also be living in swimming pools. So, if you develop what seems to be boils after swimming, seek medical advice.

Canadian embassy officials say they keep no totals of national groups, but say a "great percentage" of 512 applications received in the same three months were from Poles. The Canadians said the number of applications is still well below last summer's flood of East Bloc tourists who made their way here and never went home.

Poles in Vienna say some applications never reach embassy officials because refugee agencies screen applicants first.

The Solution

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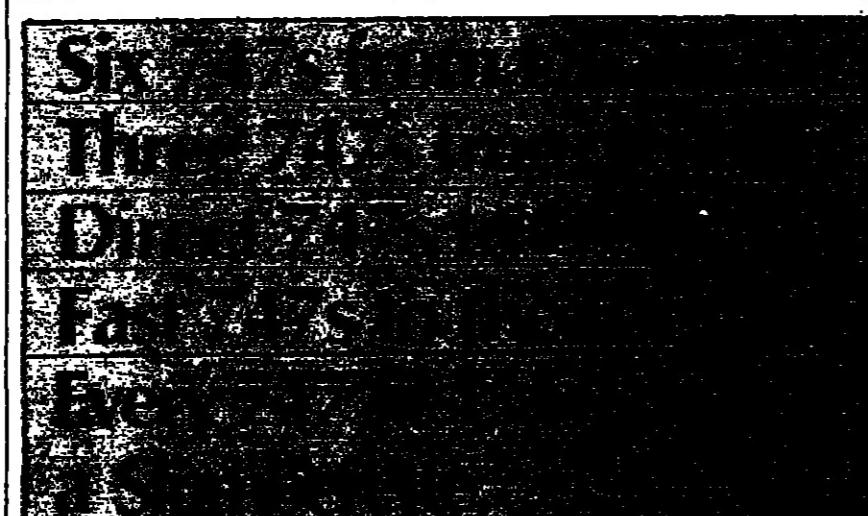
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Arab News Diary

Jeddah

By Staff Writers

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY: To celebrate the birthday of Queen Elizabeth II, the ambassador of the United Kingdom, Sir James Craig hosted a reception at his residence last Wednesday evening. The function was well attended by local dignitaries, members of the diplomatic corps, and the British community representatives here. Because of Prime Minister Mrs. Margaret Thatcher's visit, it was celebrated a day later than the actual birthday of the Queen. The ambassador in an impromptu speech on the occasion. He also expressed satisfaction at the successful visit of Mrs. Thatcher.

TRADE EXHIBITION: A week-long Filipino trade exhibition, sponsored by Sheikh Mishal Kamal Adham and Khaled Abdul Hadi Taher, opened at the Hyatt regency on Sunday. On display and for sale are Filipino handicrafts ranging from hand embroidered shirts to rattan furniture. A chance to taste Filipino food while musicians play their native tunes is an added delight if one is in no mood to shop.

LADIES BOUTIQUE: A new boutique for ladies, opened on Monday, is located on Khaled ibn Waled Road opposite Al Mukhtar. Tasnim Boutique offers a choice of apparel and accessories by leading designers like Basile, Miguel Cruz, Batavia, and Bellville Sassen alongwith clothes specially tailored for the boutique, according to Tqunin Arab, co-owner of the boutique. It also sells herbal cosmetics and bath accessories.

CONCERT: The Jeddah Concert Committee will present Dutch violinist of Hungarian origin, Thomas Magyar accompanied by Caroline Haffner on the piano at the Continental School Thursday at 8:30 p.m. The concert is sponsored by the Dutch Embassy, Al Bank al Saudi, KLM and Saudia. Magyar is considered one of the top five violinists of the Netherlands and has won several international awards including the Remenyi award. He has been decorated Knight of Orange Nassar and with the medal of the city of the Hague. He was the first leader (concertmeister) of the Netherlands Chamber Orchestra. The concert in Jeddah will include renderings by Tartini, Hullman, Tel, Cesar Frank, Bartok, Kreisler and Ravel.

ARTS EXHIBITION: The fifth annual exhibition of the Jeddah Fine Arts Society will be held at the Redec Plaza Gallery from May 3 through 7. Mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. are reserved for ladies, while general public is welcome from 5 to 10 p.m. daily.

PLAY: "Roar of the Grease Paint—Smell of the Crowd," a joint effort by Set and the Players Playhouse, will be staged at the Players' Playhouse from May 3 to 7 at 8:00 p.m. Entrance ticket is for SR 20.

COFFEE MORNING: British community wives coffee morning will be held Monday, May 4, at 10:30 a.m. at the ambassador's garden. Children are welcome.

COFFEE PARTY: The regular monthly afternoon party for Australian wives will be held Saturday at 3:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Marilyn Jamison. The highlight of the party will be a fashion parade presented by Mrs. Margaret Robb Whittaker.

EMBASSY BAZAAR: A two-day Indonesian Embassy Bazaar is planned for Wednesday, May 6, from 5:00 p.m. and on

Thursday, May 7, from 7:00 p.m. onward at the embassy premises on Khaled ibn Waled road near the Italian Trade Center. A variety of colorful batik and other handicrafts, food and games for children are the highlights of the bazaar. It is open to general public on both days.

LADIES MEETING: There will be a meeting of All Canadian Ladies in the Jeddah area, at the residence of Canadian ambassador on Sunday, May 10, at 10:00 a.m.

Riyadh

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS:

Manarat Al Riyadh School had its anniversary celebration last Wednesday. The guest of honor was Prince Sultan ibn Abdul Aziz, the deputy governor of Riyadh. The highlight of the function was the students enacting the *Battle of Badar* in Islamic movements on the playground of the School. An exhibition was also inaugurated by Prince Sattam consisting of wall charts, some of which were lit by bulbs, and magazines on different subjects prepared by the pupils to help them in their studies.

CITY REFLECTIONS: An exhibition of 40 photographs is on display at the Murabba Palace. Looking into a window one can see the glass, the interior and the reflection. A viewer can usually focus on one of these at a time. These photographs bring all three elements together into a single coherent plane.

That is the beauty of these photographs and hence the title *Reflection*, done superbly by Brian Wiggin.

He was born in London in 1936 and won a scholarship for mathematics at Cambridge University, where he photographed sporting events. This interest continued at Birmingham University, and while abroad he became seriously interested in color photography. A photographic mixing special mixture of old and new buildings has resulted in the "Reflections" theme of the exhibition. One noteworthy photo is titled, "St. Paul's Cathedral from Cannon Street."

"Florist St. Paul's" fresh flowers are a feast for the eyes. Iris, tulips, pussy willows, lilies, daffodils, and gladioli can all be seen in a single photograph, contrasting with another photograph hanging near it. The exhibition is open between 9:00 a.m. and noon and then 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays are reserved for women.

SAUDI EDUCATION '81 EXHIBITION: The first Saudi International Education and Sports Equipment Exhibition is being held at the Al-Dhifa Exhibition Center. Over 140 companies from 16 countries are participating. The largest national group is from the U.K., from where 30 companies are represented. The exhibition is open until the 30th of this month. The exhibition is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 5 to 9 p.m. daily.

SAUDI BUSINESS '81 EXHIBITION: The first international business equipment show is also being held at the Al-Dhifa Exhibition Center. The show has attracted 135 of the big names in the business industry displaying products ranging from paper clips to computers. The largest group of exhibitors are at the U.S. pavilion, where 30 companies are participating. The U.K. national group consists of 12 companies. Local companies are also participating. The exhibition center is located near the International Hotel. The show is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 5 to 9 p.m. daily, until April 30.

Eastern Province

DONALD AND ELIZABETH ANN KAAE of Tamimi Fouad construction division hosted a Hawaiian evening last Thursday at the Taico Penthouse Garden. Over 50 guests from T and F, Greyhound, Safeway, Taseco, northrup, and consul-general and Mrs. *Eatum from the U.S.* Consulate were greeted at the door with orchid leis flown in from Hawaii. Winning the prize for the most authentically dressed were Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hardly from UPM, while Luke Sharples of T and F won a Pan Am round-trip ticket to Hawaii as a door prize. Other lucky winners were Mrs. Edward Helmmer of Aramec and Mrs. Ralph Gibson of Greyhound who won trips to Athens and Cairo, courtesy of Fouad Travel. With the Hawaiian music, Hawaiian specialties for the candlelit buffet dinner, and the palm branches decorating the doorway, it was easy for guests to pretend that they were already in the land of the lei.

DAN AND GIGI HOWARD of Aramec's Dhahran Hills have won the prestigious Yard of the Month award for April. The Dhahran Garden group honored them for their fine garden of hibiscus, bamboo, and palm trees bordered by local sandstone. The *Hawards* only moved into their home in June, 1978.

THE DHAHRAIN ART GROUP, after a successful advance showing last night of the 26th annual art show, opens gallery '81 at the intermediate school GYM in Aram. Thursday. Another yearly event Thursday, at Aramec is Apex '10 — the 10th annual Arabian philatelic exhibit — to be held in the Dhahran Auditorium opposite the snack bar. Both beginning and advanced stamp collectors will find stamps to admire and purchase.

THE AL GOSAIBI HOTEL estimates that about 200 people a day have visited their exhibition hall this week to view the exhibits of handicrafts, toys, ladies dresses, and children's clothes on display in their family show. This is the last day of the display since the 40 or 50 participating merchants will close up shop Thursday night at 10 p.m.

THURSDAY IS ALSO YOUR last chance to see the serigraphs and paintings by talented young Khobar artist *Abdullah Juma'a*, president of Secco. Juma's fielded questions about Saudi Arabian life and customs with great flair to get the school's Arabic week off to a fine start the week included Arabic food sampling, and an elaborate display of Arab items including a camel skull proudly brought in by Scandinavian *Pernilla Kierkegaard*. The exhibit featured bedouin weavings, jewelry, costumes of the region, and antique wooden crafts. During the week, young storytellers including *Jeannie MacDougal*, *Dannen Mow*, *Mona Hamood* and *Sarena Galea* visited classrooms to retell tales of the Goths and *Kallwa Dimna*.

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S. Africa produces enriched uranium

PRETORIA, April 29 (R) — South Africa is now producing its own nuclear fuel, enriched uranium, which will in future be used to operate its atomic research reactor Safari I, Minister for Mineral and Atomic Affairs Frederik du Cier announced Wednesday.

He said the fuel would enable the production of radio isotopes for medical uses and would be open to international inspection and safeguard by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). South Africa had gone ahead with local production because it had not been able, for international political reasons, to obtain nuclear fuel for the reactor since 1976, the minister said.

Production of radio isotopes for medical use was almost entirely dependent on the Safari I reactor, he said. South Africa has always denied reports that it conducted a nuclear test in September 1979.

L. Clerk said South Africa's Uranium Enrichment Corporation had recently succeeded in producing a limited quantity of 45 per cent enriched uranium, which has been processed into fuel elements by the Atomic Energy Board. This percentage was the minimum needed for the Safari I reactor with regard to the so-called wet isotope, he said.

Because of the limited amount of enriched uranium so far produced the reactor would be operated provisionally at five megawatts, a quarter of its normal capacity. "Even at this low power it will be possible to produce locally those radio isotopes most essential for medical purpose and also to continue a large number of research projects dependent on the operation of Safari I," the minister said.

Waldheim stresses

UNITED NATIONS, April 29 (AP) — U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim has urged the major Western news organizations to give greater emphasis to the "aspirations of the Third World." He said there appears to be a "certain bias" in the selection of news by the Western media, which he said tend to focus on issues of interest to the industrial countries.

Waldheim also observed that in the Western press "there is sometimes a tendency to give primacy to the sensational over the truly significant." At its best, Waldheim said, the Western press acts as "the watchdog of society and of the political system."

Waldheim was addressing a Roman Catholic church-sponsored commemoration of World Communications Day, established in 1966 by Pope Paul VI. Archbishop John R.

Emperor Hirohito turns 80

TOKYO, April 29 (AFP) — The last emperor in the world, Hirohito, Wednesday celebrated his 80th birthday without the gift he most deserves — the chance to abdicate. He is the first Japanese monarch to reach his 80s in 2,600 years, and many feel the time has come to waive the Japanese law which forbids emperors from "retiring". Hirohito, they argue, should be allowed to spend his twilight years in peace, away from the constant pressure of public duties which have marked every day of his 55-year rule.

Now frail and slightly stooped, Hirohito was a powerful and imposing figure when he came to the throne in December 1926 following the death of his father, Emperor Taisho. Although he renounced his "divinity" and all political authority after World War II, he remains an active and important figure on the Japanese scene. Hailed during official demonstrations as a symbol of state and of national unity, Hirohito frequently receives visiting foreign dignitaries at his palace in central Tokyo.

Old age has not meant running down his daily schedule. Hirohito is up every morning at seven and has a brief medical checkup before sitting down to breakfast with his wife, Empress Nagako. At 10 a.m., an official car takes him from his residential quarters to his office, where a stack of documents awaits his signature. These relate to laws, statutes, treaties and nominations for top jobs.

After lunch, the emperor settles down to a favorite pastime — marine biology, of which he has made a serious study. Later, a typical evening will find him watching television or reading press cuttings collected by the empress. The schedule may sound tight, but it can grow alarmingly heavy with the obligatory official appearances and receptions in honor of foreign leaders.

Increasingly, public opinion is coming around to the belief that Hirohito should be allowed to abdicate on grounds of his great age. Professor Heihachiro Shimizu, from China, wrote recently that the Japanese did



Emperor Hirohito of Japan

not want their leader to be forced to continue his official duties indefinitely. Others point out that the emperor's 47-year-old Akimoto is easily up to the job.

But there are others who oppose abdication. It would weaken the country, they say. Some argue that anyone in good health should carry on working — a viewpoint firmly backed by certain members of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, who themselves are well over the normal retirement age of 55 to 60. For the moment, this frail-looking but apparently healthy old man seems set to continue as the powerless but active emperor of Japan.

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Sethna added that, "in Rajasthan we have an excellent example side by side of equipment made in this country and equipment made in Canada, and I can say quite bluntly that the Indian equipment is performing much better than that made in Canada." Canada helped India set up its first experimental reactor, called Cirrus, in the late 1950s and later participated in building the Rajasthan power plant at Rana Pratap Sagar, about 350 kms southwest of New Delhi. When India exploded a "peaceful nuclear device" in 1974, Canada terminated all nuclear assistance.

Present at the meeting was India's chief of army staff, Gen. O.P. Malhotra and Soviet Ambassador to India Yuri Vorontsov. Ogorov arrived in India Monday on a four-day official visit and has held meetings with Malhotra and other military officials. He is scheduled to visit military installations at Agra and Ambala in northern India.

Meanwhile, the head of India's Atomic Energy Commission, Dr. Homi Sethna, Tuesday praised his country's nuclear know-how, charged that Canada "ran away" from helping with the Indian nuclear program and took an indirect poke at the U.S. for "rubbing our noses in the ground." He refused to comment, however, about a statement by U.S. Sen. Alan Cranston the day before that the American government has evidence India may be preparing for a second nuclear explosion.

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The United States built the Tarapur plant for India under what Sethna described as a "turn-key" project, and promised to supply it with fuel for 30 years. The shipments are behind schedule and the last one was dispatched last fall only after the U.S. Senate narrowly upheld then President Jimmy Carter's decision to make delivery. At the heart of the issue is the American concern over the possible spread of nuclear weapons and the Indian refusal to open all its nuclear facilities to full international inspection.



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Lederer's expulsion urged by committee

WASHINGTON, April 29 (AP) — The U.S. House of Representatives Ethics Committee is calling for the expulsion of Rep. Raymond Lederer of Pennsylvania, the only Congressman convicted in the Abscam bribery probe to remain in office.

If the full House endorses the recommendation, the Philadelphia lawmaker would become only the second Congressman expelled since the Civil War. Former Rep. Michael Myers, also a Philadelphia Democrat, was kicked out last year after his Abscam conviction.

By a 10-2 vote, the committee decided in a closed-door session that Lederer should be removed for violations of House rules that parallel the charges that led to his bribery and conspiracy conviction in Abscam, the government's probe of political corruption.

The panel, formally known as the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, meets again Thursday to determine when to formally press the House for an expulsion vote. Lederer was unavailable for comment after Tuesday's vote.

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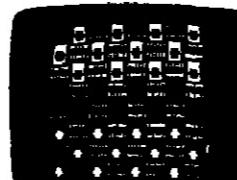
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Tanzania to pull out troops

All-out war on Obote planned

NAIROBI, April 29 (AP) — Fighters opposed to President Milton Obote have said they were planning an all-out war against the Ugandan government, and Tanzania said it will remove within two months the soldiers who have formed Obote's main military prop.

"We are soon going to launch full-scale war" unless Obote holds new elections, the fighters said Tuesday in a tape recording smuggled out of Uganda. Longtime Uganda residents said they recognized the taped voice of former Defense Minister Tewari Museveni, one of Obote's most bitter opponents.

Diplomats said the two announcements appeared to heighten prospects of widespread insecurity and violence in Uganda. Anti-government forces have been conducting a campaign of attacks on police and military installations for nearly three of the four months Obote has been in office.

In Nairobi, a spokesman for the Uganda Freedom Movement, a resistance group, claimed that dozens of Ugandan soldiers were killed Monday night when 10 UFM members using automatic weapons ambushed three military trucks at Kawanda, near Kampala. A large number of soldiers were wounded, the spokesman said. He said there were no UFM casualties. The official Uganda Radio, monitored in Nairobi, acknowledged the attack and said four soldiers were killed.

At the same time, a statement issued by Ugandan exiles in Nairobi called on Obote to resign. The statement said his government has failed to protect the lives and property of Ugandans, and to make economic progress. The exiles declined to identify themselves publicly.

Ugandan Vice President Paulo Muwanga flew to Tanzania Friday to plead to President Julius Nyerere to expand the stay of some of the 10,000 Tanzanian soldiers in Uganda, particularly those around Kampala, the Ugandan capital. The soldiers, remnants of a force that ousted Ugandan President Idi Amin in 1979, have remained as Uganda's principal peacekeeping force.

Many observers believe that only the Tanzanians stand between Uganda and a country-wide breakdown of law and order. Diplomatic sources in Dar Es Salaam, the Tanzanian capital, said Nyerere turned a deaf ear to Muwanga. On Tuesday, Lt. Gen. Abdullah Twalipio, the Tanzanian defense minister, said in a radio broadcast that all 10,000 soldiers will be returned home by late June.

Reliable sources said the first 1,000 will cross Lake Victoria on ferries and reach Mwanza, the Tanzanian port, by Friday. The sources quoted a Tanzanian cabinet minister as saying, "we must get completely out of there. It's hurting us diplomatically and financially."

Diplomats estimate Tanzania pays more than \$4 million a month to keep its soldiers in

Uganda. They say Uganda has failed to honor a two-year agreement to compensate Tanzania, which is sending food and other commodities to Uganda for its soldiers at a time of nationwide food shortages caused partly by a lack of funds in the treasury.

The Tanzanian pullout will leave Obote with 8,000 poorly trained and indisciplined soldiers, and a militia of nearly 10,000. Government forces face a reported several thousand fighters from the popular Resis-

tance Army commanded by Museveni in western Uganda, about 2,000 former Amin soldiers who have taken effective control of northwestern Uganda, and a small number of men in the Uganda Freedom Movement.

Obote, deposed by Amin in 1971, made a comeback rare in Africa when he was elected president in December. But he has failed to achieve his stated goal of national reconciliation.



PIGGYBACK VOYAGE: Perched atop a Boeing 747, the space shuttle Columbia takes off from Oklahoma Monday on its journey back to Kennedy Space Center from where it left on its maiden flight on April 12 in a thunderous roar of flame and smoke. The shuttle had been lowered to its landing gear in an overnight operation. It reached Florida shortly before noon Tuesday.

Brigades to try kidnapped Cirillo

NAPLES, April 29 (R) — The Red Brigades were holding their latest kidnap victim Wednesday pending "trial" after a bloody commando operation in Naples aimed at exploiting the widespread bitterness in the earthquake-damaged city. A major police hunt was under way to find the "people's prison" where the Brigades are holding Ciro Cirillo, the prominent Neapolitan politician they snatched on Monday night.

In a 140-page tract issued Monday night, the Brigades accused Cirillo of being a savage property speculator and said he would answer the charges in a "trial." Up to 70 guerrillas kidnapped the 60-year-old Christian Democrat leader after clubbing him on the head and killing his two escorts.

The attack proved that the Brigades were not wiped out by recent arrests and that their attention has shifted to the poor south, where over 200,000 persons are still homeless after last November's earthquake.

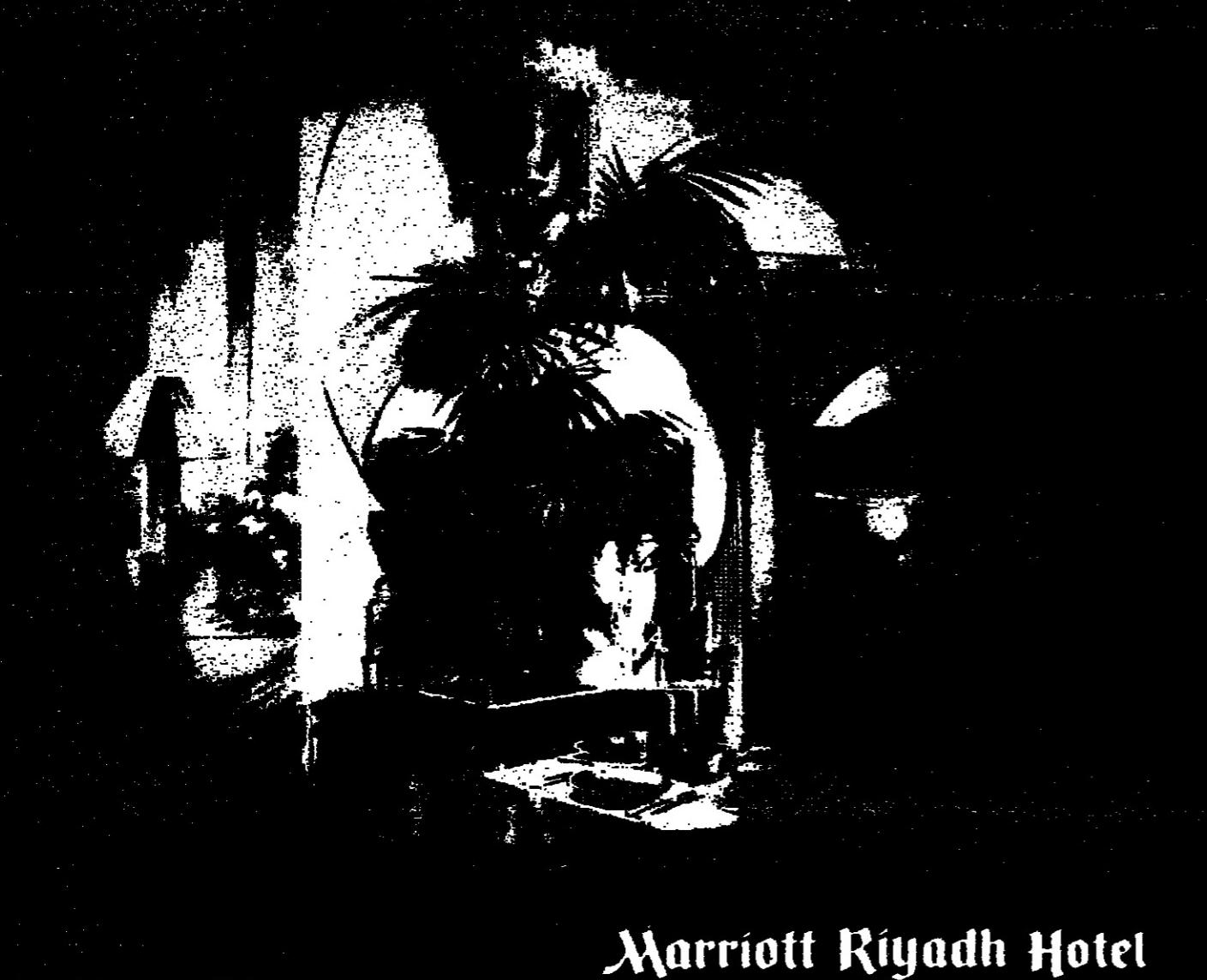
The old, working-class center of Naples

was rendered almost uninhabitable by the quake and the Brigades said city authorities were "deporting" families to industrial suburbs. Although Naples is now run by its first Communist administration, the Brigades said the Christian Democrats were responsible for bringing "The slavery of salaried labor to the city and destroying its traditional artisan lifestyle."

The documents found Monday night, with a photograph of the balding Cirillo in front of a Brigades flag, listed the major firms seeking contracts to rebuild areas wrecked by the earthquake. Cirillo is chairman of the commission in charge of reconstruction. No demands were made in the Brigades' text, but if they stick to their own precedent other communiques will follow soon.

They said they were keeping to the "strategic line" adopted last December when they kidnapped senior Roman judge Giovanni D'Urso to gain concessions for their jailed comrades.

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Against Salvador policy

Anti-war men to march on Pentagon

WASHINGTON, April 29 (AP) — In an echo of the Vietnam era a decade ago, anti-war activists are gearing up for their first major national protest against U.S. military involvement in El Salvador — a march Sunday on the Pentagon.

While hesitant to give a firm prediction on how many people will take part at the headquarters of the U.S. Defense Department, organizers for the people's anti-war mobilization said they expect "tens of thousands" to participate from as far west as Texas and as far north as Minnesota.

"This will be the largest manifestation of resistance to (President Ronald) Reagan's war policies and insane domestic policies," said Brian Becker, a national organizer for the march. "We expect this to be a kickoff to a new movement." Smaller marches are planned Sunday in San Francisco, Seattle, Denver, Kansas City and Tucson.

The focus of the protests will be Reagan's decision to increase the number of U.S. military advisers in El Salvador from 34 to 54 and to send \$25 million in weapons to bolster the ruling junta. But organizers also are trying to link that action to the president's proposed cuts in domestic spending.

"Given the cutback in social services, many black and minority groups see ... a connection between another war drive and the money going into an already bloated Pentagon budget," said Bill Roundtree, another march organizer.

One of the march's slogans, a reference to the unsolved murders of black children in Atlanta, says "Defend Atlanta's children, not El Salvador's junta." Although many of the organizers are veterans of Vietnam protests in the late 1960s and early 1970s, march organizers say a new generation of college students has become active in the anti-El Salvador demonstrations.

"People who were too young to be involved

110 planes to race across Atlantic

PARIS, April 29 (AP) — A total of 110 aircraft ranging from World War II warplanes through tiny single-engined sportsters to an executive jet have been entered to race twice across the Atlantic, Paris — New York — Paris, next June, the organizer has announced.

Competitors include Grand Prix racing drivers, airline pilots, flying and ski instructors, journalists, doctors, computer analysts and a 64-year-old American woman. The largest entry is of 62 single-engined light planes, braving the north Atlantic and flying via Scotland, Iceland, Greenland and Canada.

There are 42 twin-engined light planes, five larger propeller-engined aircraft, including a Douglas B26 Marauder from World War II, to be flown by French racing drivers Didier Pironi and Jose Dolhem, and a restored 1937 De Havilland Dragon Rapide Passenger plane.

It is believed no Rapide has ever flown the Atlantic. The planes will race in four categories and compete both on straight time and on handicap, based on how the plane's time compares with a theoretical best.

The single executive jet, a French Dassault Falcon 50, will attempt to set trans-Atlantic records during the race. Officials expressed disappointment that no American executive jets had entered to "race the French."

There are four all-women crew and seven other women flying with men. In many cases, amateurs have highly experienced airline pilots as their co-pilots.

in the anti-war movement (a decade ago) are responding to the call," Becker said. Much of the opposition has come on college campuses, largely with teach-ins and picketing, tactics reminiscent of the Vietnam era. The Pentagon protest is supported by about 20 civil rights, labor, student, religious and community organizations around the country, march organizers said.

Opponents of Reagan's Salvadoran

policies contend that the United States is supporting a brutal, unpopular dictatorship that is responsible for the vast majority of the estimated 15,000 political murders in the tiny central American nation over the past year.

The administration argues that those fighting for control of the country are armed and directed by Cuba and other Soviet-bloc countries. The communist governments in those countries have denied the charges.



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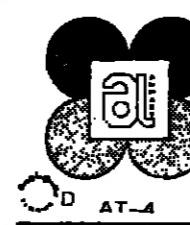
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Trade deficit dips

U.S. exports touch new high in March

WASHINGTON, April 29 (R) — A surge in exports coupled with a dramatic drop in petroleum imports made March the best trading month the United States has had in more than five years, the Commerce Department has reported.

The trade deficit narrowed to \$451 million in March from February's \$3.15 billion shortfall and was the best monthly performance since November 1975. The main reason for the improved trade figures was a sharp decline in petroleum imports, the department said.

It said exports grew faster in March than they had in more than six and a half years, surging 8.5 per cent as sales of soybeans, aircraft and power machinery rose considerably. Department analysts said the United States cut its petroleum imports by two million barrels a day in March to 5.5 million barrels a day, the lowest level since June

They said the sharp drop appeared to have occurred because U.S. companies had chosen to use the large reserves they had instead of importing new oil.

Commerce Department Economist David Lund said conservation by car owners brought on by higher petrol prices might also have contributed to the largely unexpected

Car exports by Japan to U.S. decline

TOKYO, April 29 (AP) — Japan's auto exports in March increased slightly from a year earlier, but exports to the United States and European community went down compared to 1980, the Japan Automobile Manufacturers' Association has said.

Association officials Tuesday attributed the decline to Japanese automakers' apparent concern over U.S. and European protectionist sentiment against Japanese cars.

Japan exported 536,411 cars in March, up 1.1 per cent from February and up 1.6 per cent from the same month in 1980. Of the total, passenger cars accounted for 334,720 down 4 per cent, trucks 193,207 up 33.1 per cent, and buses 8,484 up 66.3 per cent.

By areas, Japan exported 171,363 cars to the United States in March, down 26.4 per cent, 75,637 cars to the EEC nations, down 10.8 per cent and 40,286 cars to the Middle East, down 16.7 percent, compared to March 1980.

Japan's car exports to Southeast Asia in March rose by 4.2 per cent from a year earlier to 62,752 those to Africa went up by 82.5 per cent to 50,809 and those to South Africa increased by 93.1 per cent to 25,034.

BRIEFS

WASHINGTON. (AFP) — The U.S. has lifted a six-year ban on the importing of kangaroo hides, overriding objections from conservation groups who say millions of animals will be slaughtered as a result of these imports. An official of the Interior Department said the three largest species now live "in healthy numbers and are being properly managed by Australia."

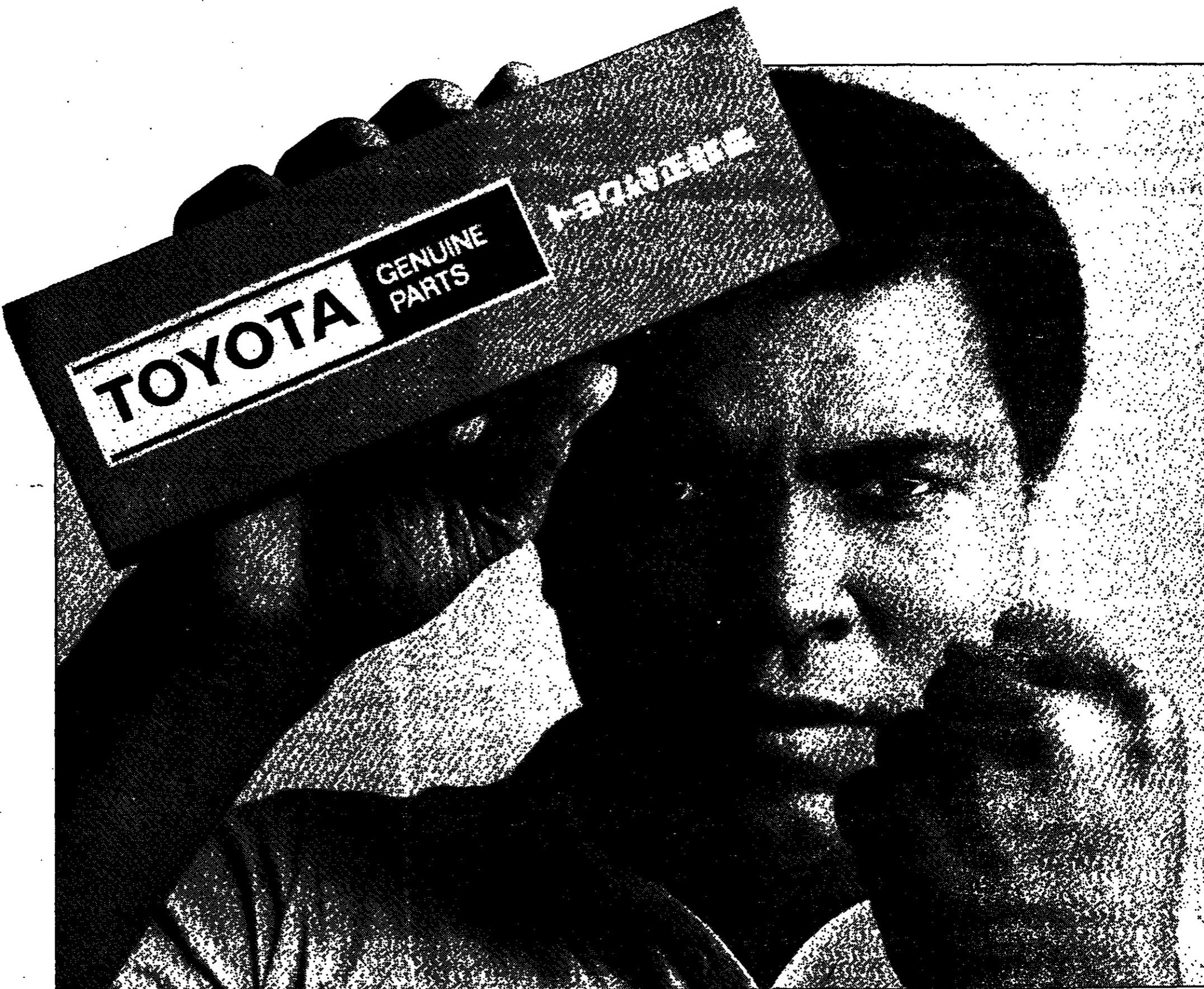
MOSCOW, (AFP) — Soviet and Chinese experts on a joint border commission for railways ended a week's meeting at Khabarovsk in the Soviet far east, Tass has reported. Their aim was to settle problems and litigation involving rail exchanges between the two countries, and they worked out practical details for rail co-operation covered by an agreement dating from 1951. Tass said Tuesday:

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KUALA LUMPUR, (AFP) — A team from the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) will shortly visit South East Asian countries to study co-operation between the two regions. The visitors will pay special attention to the way the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) is organised.

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CANBERRA, (AFP) — Australia and Canada can expect to sell more grain to the USSR and gain a bigger share of the market, following the end of the U.S.-led embargo, the Australian wheat board has said. The ban had hit normal penetration by major sellers and it was hoped that Australian and Canadian sales would be more consistent than over the past 12 or 18 months, said Board Chairman Sir Leslie Price.



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Switzerland takes point off Hungary

LUCERNE, Switzerland. April 29 (R) — Hungary and Switzerland earned one point apiece in a 2-2 thriller in their World Soccer Cup European Group Four qualifying tie here Tuesday night.

Hungary will feel well pleased with their first appearance and must now be confident of challenging England and Romania for the two qualifying places for the final in Spain next year.

Switzerland gained their first point from three outings through goals by Claudio Sulser in the 32nd and 47th minutes. But Hungary showed admirable fighting qualities and were well worth a draw with Laszlo Balint scoring in the 45th minute and Sandor Muller equalizing from the penalty spot 20 minutes after the interval.

Indeed, Hungary may live to regret the number of gilt-edged chances they wasted.

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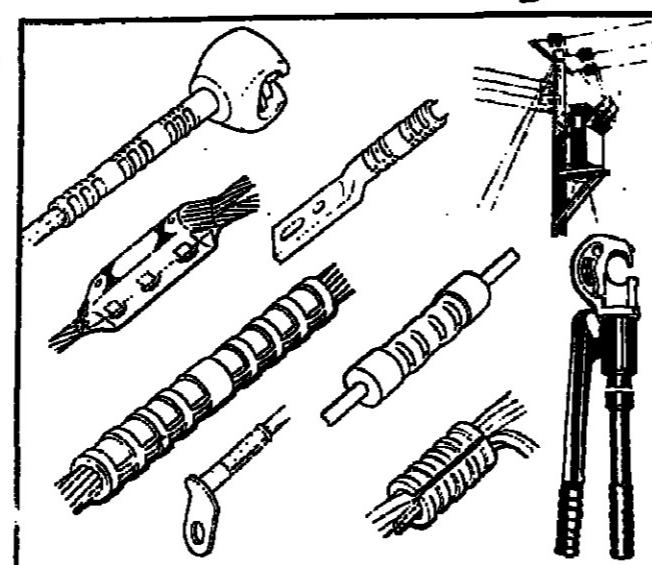
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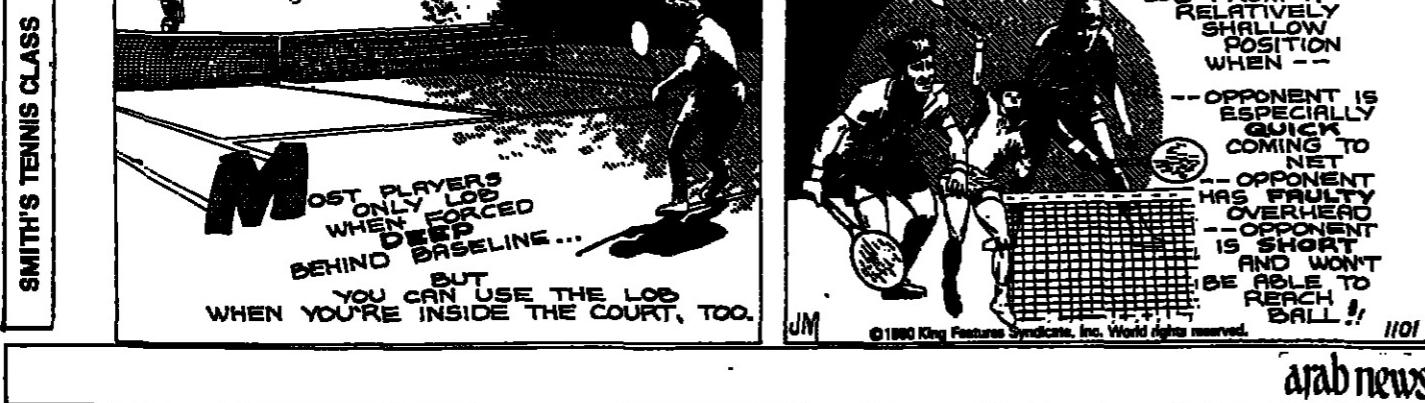
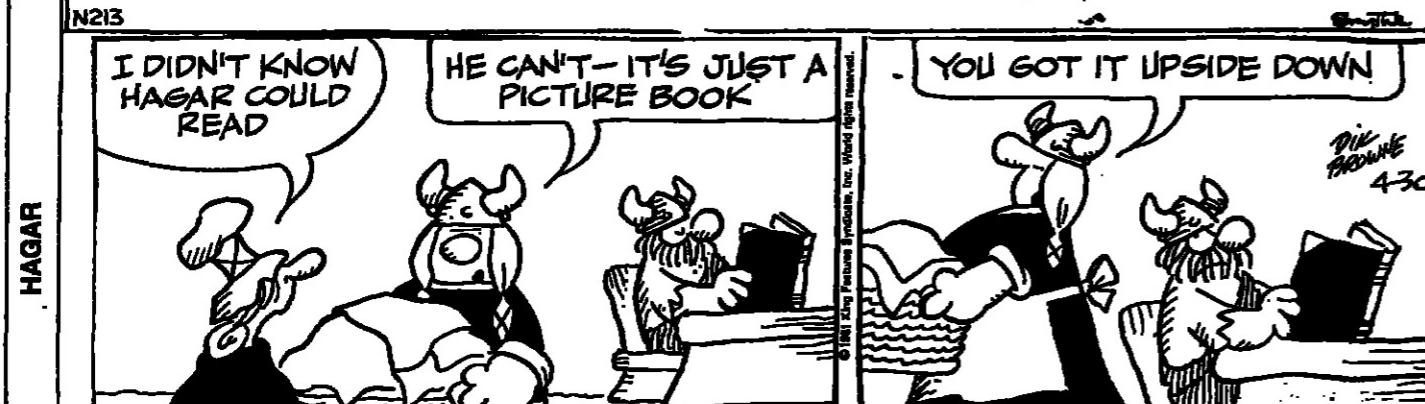
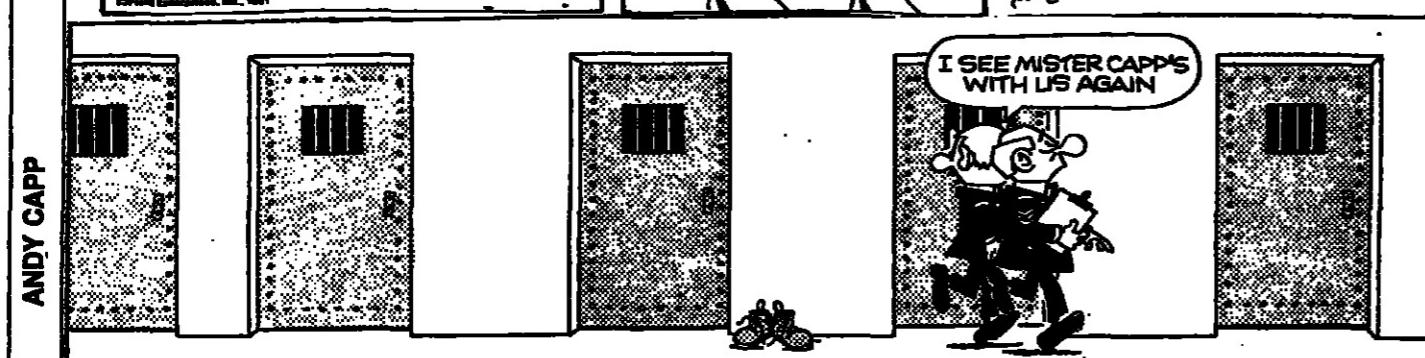
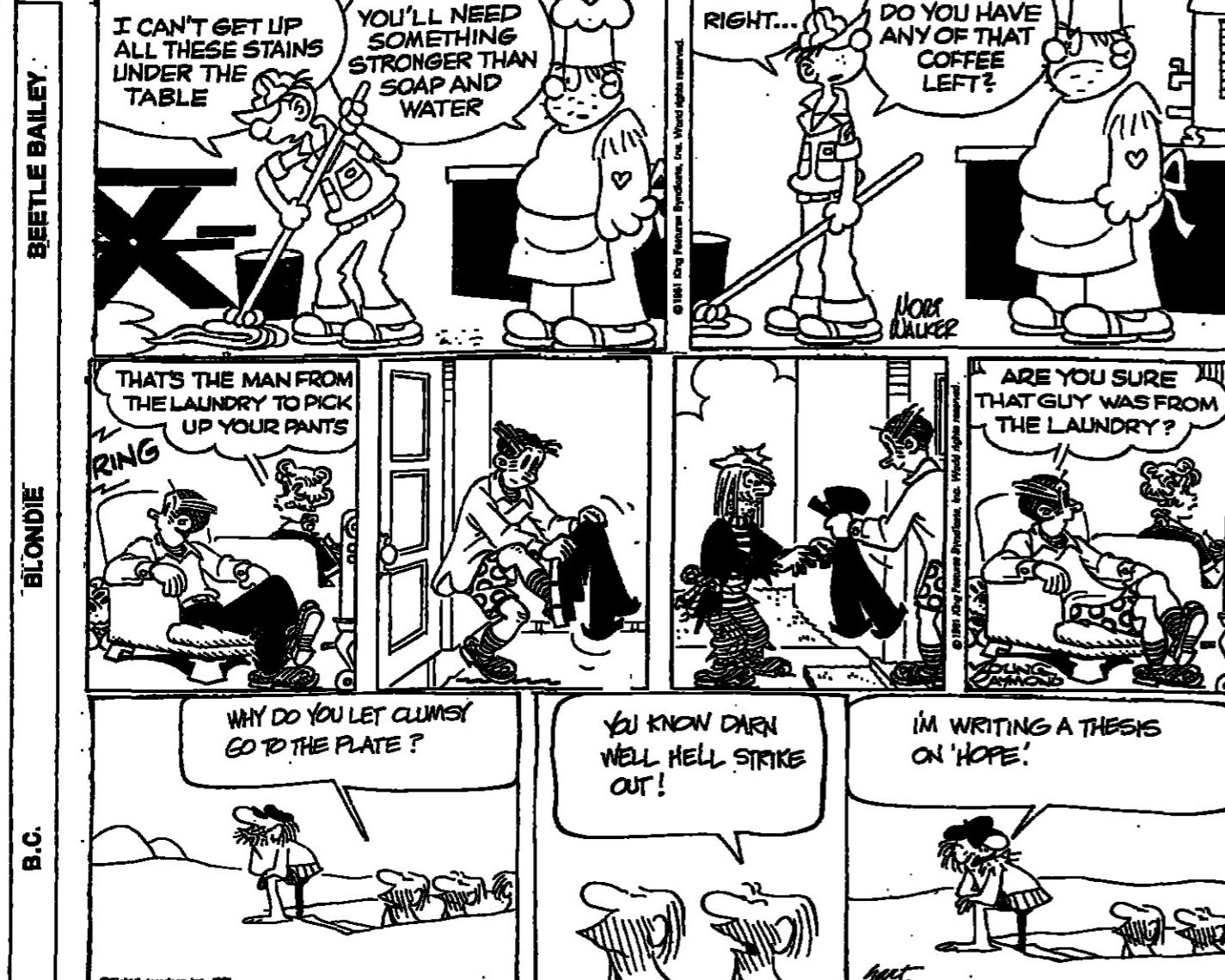
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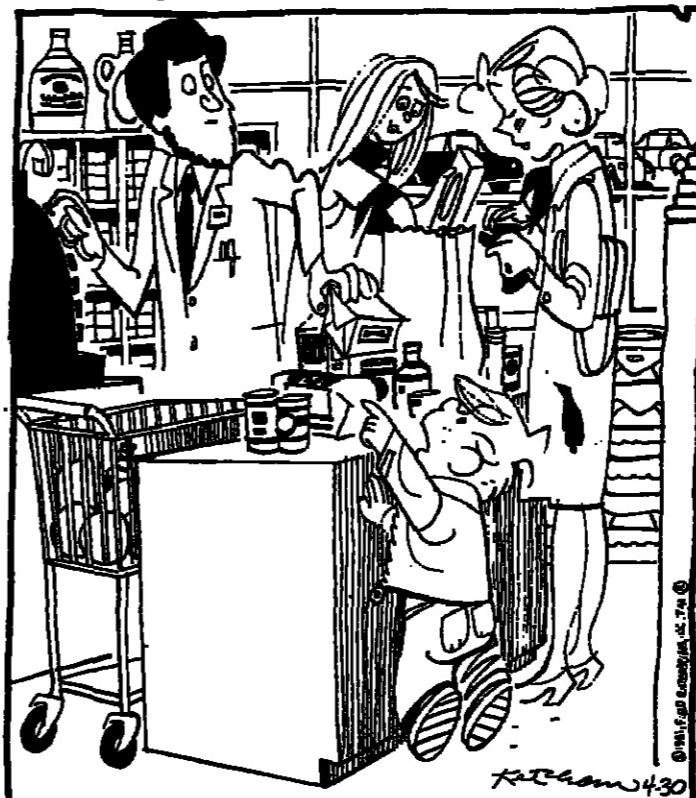
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Pass Pass 1♦ 2♦
3♦ 4♦ 5♦ Pass
Pass 6♦ Pass Pass
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Opening lead — king of spades.

There are no magic rules to guide you to the best opening lead, and often the wrong choice will produce a disastrous result. Consider this deal where South got to six clubs doubled. Perhaps East should have opened three spades, which might have sent the opponents out of the bidding. Instead he started with one spade, permitting North-South to get together in clubs.

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West ruffed the fifth heart, but that was the only trick for the defense. As a result, declarer made the slam, scoring 1,660 points — instead of going down one, 200 points, which would have been his pardon had West led a diamond originally.

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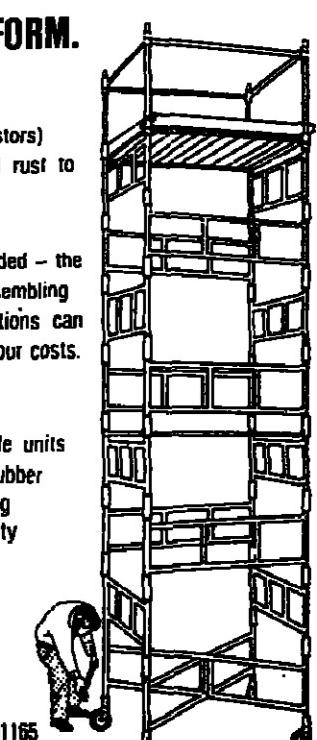
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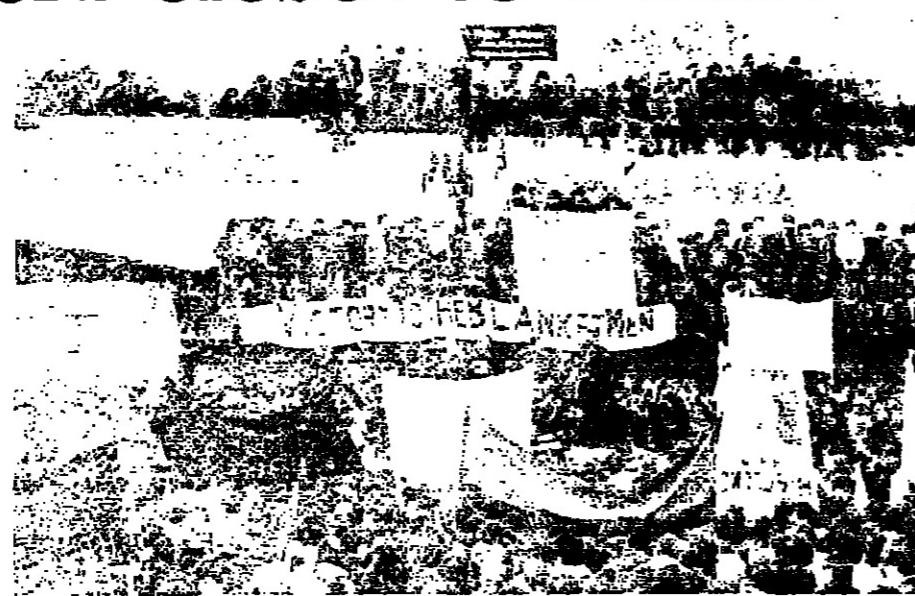
BELFAST, April 29 (Agencies) — Jailed Irish Republican Army militant Bobby Sands hovered between life and death Wednesday on the 60th day of his hunger strike in the Maze prison. He was reported drifting occasionally into unconsciousness.

A spokesman of Sinn Fein, IRA's political wing, said Sands was in danger of dying "at any moment". The 27-year-old guerrilla was refusing food as he neared the end of his second month on water-only diet. The spokesman said he has shed 25 kilos in weight since starting his fast March 1.

Meanwhile, a personal envoy of Pope John Paul II, the Rev. John Magee, met with Britain's top minister in Northern Ireland Wednesday before he went to the Maze prison for a second time to try to save Sands' life. British authorities in Northern Ireland said they agreed to the meeting between Magee and Northern Ireland Secretary of State Humphrey Atkins "on the clear understanding that there would be no change in government policy concerning the hunger striker."

The Conservative government of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has refused to give in to Sands' demands which amount to political status for jailed IRA activists.

Meanwhile, some 2,000 members of the Protestant Ulster Defense Association (UDA) staged a "mobilization exercise"



(AP Wirephoto)

RALLYING FOR SANDS: Part of a huge crowd at a Belfast rally Sunday to support the hunger strikers, particularly Bobby Sands who is dangerously close to death.

A show of force at the time of a mass loyalist strike here in 1977.

UDA chief Any Tyrrie told newsmen the UDA could "very rapidly" mobilize several thousand men to defend the sector should the police fail to contain any IRA "incursions". It could do the same in all the other Protestant part of the capital, he said. Tyrrie refused to say what weapons his men had. In the Catholic Ardoyne enclave, there were isolated but fierce clashes for two hours Tuesday night. Young demonstrators lobbed many firebombs at police and British soldiers, who fired back several times with plastic bullets. No casualties were reported.

Some of the marchers were masked, and a number came from other Protestant parts of the capital. They appeared to be unarmed. Large police contingents stood by at the limits of the Shankill, which is Unionist (British) bastion, but did not intervene at any moment.

The UAE is the province's main loyalist paramilitary movement. It last mounted such

Unions back Mitterrand

PARIS, April 29 (R) — The French Communist-led CGT Union grouping Wednesday called on its members to back Socialist François Mitterrand in the runoff for the presidency against incumbent Valéry Giscard d'Estaing on May 10. The CGT move echoed Tuesday's decision by the Communist Party to back Mitterrand following last Sunday's humiliating defeat of Communist Party leader Georges Marchais in the first round of presidential balloting.

The first round left only Mitterrand and Giscard d'Estaing in the race. All the country's main left-wing parties and union groupings have now come out in favor of Mitterrand in the straight fight against the president.

Socialists, Communists and three smaller left-wing groups fielded separate candidates on the first ballot. The CGT backed Marchais while the Socialist-leaning CFDT supported Mitterrand.

The CGT decision to back Mitterrand was taken unanimously at a special session of its executive committee, union sources said. CGT General Secretary Georges Seguy attended Tuesday's Communist Party meeting which analyzed the defeat of Marchais and reluctantly endorsed Mitterrand.

Marchais said on television Tuesday night that the decision to support the Socialist candidate did not amount to giving him a blank check. The Communist leader said his party would demand ministerial posts in a left-wing government, a demand rejected by Mitterrand unless the Communists loosen their ties with Moscow.

Marchais added that the Communists were not renouncing any of their campaign objectives, prompting the conservative daily *Le Figaro* to comment: "How things are clear... Either the Communists share power if Mitterrand is elected, or they will cause unrest." *Le Figaro*, which strongly supports Giscard d'Estaing, was echoing one of his main campaign themes — that Mitterrand would be a prisoner of the Communists.

The independent daily *Le Quotidien de Paris*, saying that the Communists' aim over the past decade has been to prevent the Socialists gaining ground on the left at their expense, headlined: "The Communists take the risk of giving Mitterrand victory."

Two other political leaders also announced Wednesday that they were calling on their supporters to vote Mitterrand on May 10.

To bar Mujahedeen Afghanistan sealing frontier

ISLAMABAD, April 29 (R) — Soviet and Afghan armies are reported to be trying again to seal the mountainous frontier with Pakistan to keep freedom fighters out of Afghanistan, diplomats in Kabul said in dispatches arriving here Wednesday. The diplomats, quoting reliable sources, said the Afghan army was reported to be in the forefront with Soviet forces providing the backup.

They said the army recently left its barracks in main cities while there had been a significant movement of Soviet troops and armor toward the eastern border provinces, scene of reported heavy fighting during the last two weeks. The dispatches said the Kabul authorities estimated that up to 15,000 Mujahedeen infiltrated into Afghanistan recently after spending some time in refugee camps across the border.

The diplomats quoted Mujahedeen as saying small boys were using sling-thrown stones to explode thousands of fist-sized plastic anti-personnel mines scattered by Soviet planes over border mountain passes in last year's border-sealing effort.

The mines, Mujahedeen said, caused numerous casualties and an initial setback last year but were neutralized quickly and no longer restricted trans-frontier movement.

Meanwhile, Mujahedeen attacks continued in the southern city of Kandahar despite efforts by Soviet armor and troops to bring the city under control. Western diplomatic sources said in New Delhi Wednesday.

A small petrol storage depot just outside the city was blown up by Mujahedeen who also attacked a municipal building in the center of Kandahar and took two dozen sub-machine guns, the sources said.

Mujahedeen had also been active over the past two weeks in Logar province south of Kabul. A source reported that 12 Afghan army tanks, two armored personnel carriers and a mobile crane were destroyed in an ambush on April 8.

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The main reason we are protesting is because of the general election today. Our parents have so long been denied the right to franchise," the spokesman added. The black, colored and Asian communities have no voting rights in Wednesday's election for the 165-seat House of Assembly.

America informs India of nuclear fuel stoppage

NEW DELHI, April 29 (Agencies) — The United States has told India that it can no longer supply nuclear fuel for the Tarapur atomic plant near Bombay, Indian External Affairs Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao said Wednesday. Rao told Parliament the two countries were studying how to terminate a 30-year nuclear cooperation agreement under which the United States was contracted to supply uranium for the American-built plant.

The U.S. Nuclear Non-proliferation Act of 1968 prohibits the United States from supplying nuclear fuel or equipment to countries like India which are not parties to the nuclear non-proliferation treaty or do not accept international safeguards on all nuclear installations.

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